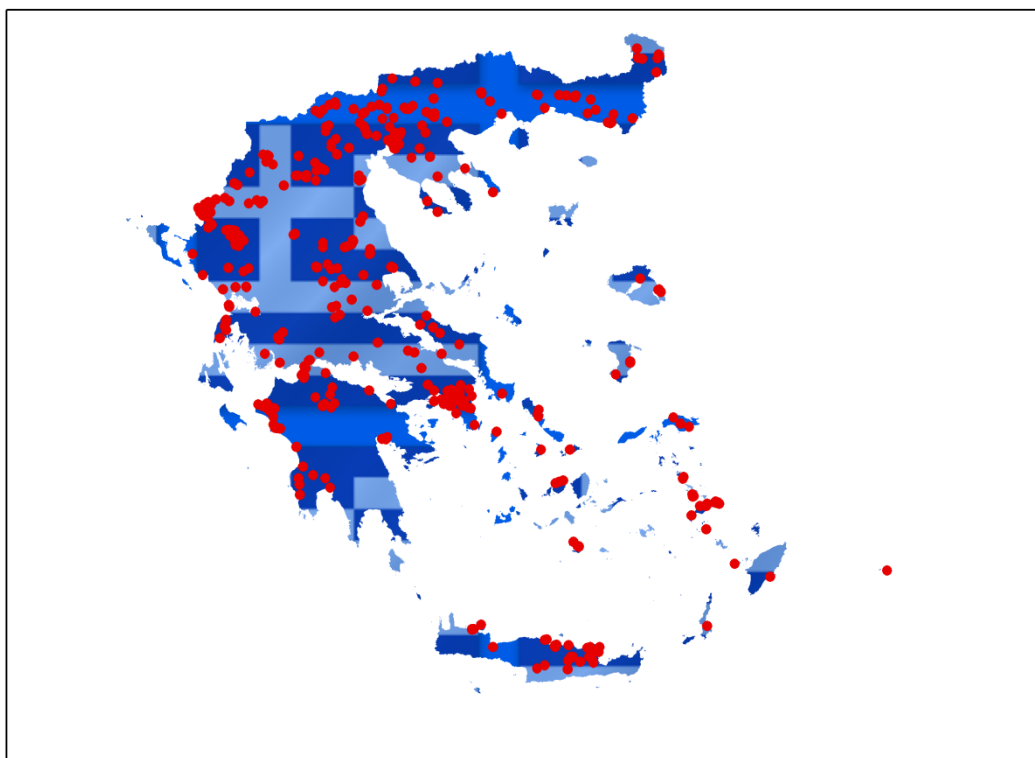




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## Foreword

The Department for Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs is publishing the Report for the Acts against religious sites in Greece for a third consecutive year. The objectives remain the same since 2016, publication year of the first Report, with the prime objective being to raise awareness among agencies, entities, religious communities and citizens.

Preserving religious peace is not only a matter of State policy but also a question of respect for the sacred and for the practice of faith, regardless of the way one chooses to practice or not to practice a religion.

In any case, this Report on Acts against religious sites in Greece is a proof that this Government is especially sensitive and respectful to these matters and protects religious freedom. There can be no religious freedom without churches, synagogues, mosques or worship places of any other name, therefore each attack against a place of worship is an attack against religious freedom.

Main strategic choice of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs is designing and implementing actions and legislative initiatives aiming at enhancing the principles of religious freedom, interreligious dialogue and mutual respect.

Konstantinos Gavroglu

Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs

## Introductory Note

In 2017, a significant increase was recorded for acts against religious sites compared to 2016. This increase was both in terms of numbers of incidents (by 159%) and of numbers of religious communities affected (eight religious communities in 2017 compared to four in 2016).

Evaluating, analyzing and explaining the figures presented is not part of the objectives of this Report. However, it is worth notifying the reader that this increase may be possibly connected to more efficient organization, cooperation – especially with the Hellenic Police which is a stable, reliable and authoritative source of information- and awareness of all agencies, entities and individuals involved in collecting data.

It appears that the consistent and systematic work carried out in the last two years has led to the realization of a significant step towards achieving the main objectives set by the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs at the beginning of this effort: cooperating with other public services and religious communities, gaining know-how on collecting data and on drawing up the Report and raising awareness among agencies and citizens on the need of recording acts against religious sites. This step would not have occurred without the commitment and work of the public servants posted in the Department of Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations who honor their service and prove that even with minimum resources but with excellent staff and work organization it is possible to achieve high targets.

The figures for years 2015, 2016 and 2017 illustrate the same general trend. The acts against religious sites of the Greek Orthodox Church represent the vast majority followed by acts against other religious communities. The figures demonstrate that the Greek Orthodox Church is the number one victim of attacks in Greece - as is well known, Orthodox Christians represent over 95% of Greek population. This is a fact that cannot be ignored. The State and the Church ought to look into ways of cooperating in order to eradicate this sacrilegious reality that goes against our History and identity.

A second point that also deserves attention is that while Greek Jews represent 0,05% of the total population, a disproportional number of acts against Jewish religious sites is regularly noted (2% for the year 2017). Most of these acts are of antisemitic or racist nature. It is clear that we must insist on the need to fight antisemitism and the culture accompanying it, which is targeting our democracy.

The edition of the Report on acts against religious sites for three consecutive years proves that we are able, equipped and wiling not only to record data in order to have knowledge of the situation but we also have the ontological security and self-confidence to make this information publicly available in Greece and abroad. For this reason, the Report is translated in English and is available at the website of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs.

It is necessary to know the practices of other countries – and in particular of E.U. states and the U.S.A.- in such matters but we need to always keep in mind that each country has its

own history, culture and characteristics which cannot be ignored when policies are planned. Greece is an Orthodox Christian country which through its Constitution guarantees each person's religious freedom without any exception in a way that is in full compliance with the European Convention on Human Rights. However, there are always individual problems which will be resolved by the State and by the judiciary, as it is currently the case.

George Kalantzis

Secretary General for Religious Affairs

## Content Summary

In the **Introductory Part (I)** the general regulatory framework governing the protection of religious freedom in Greece is presented followed by the particular regulatory framework on building and operating worship places. Information on setting up the Network for recording incidents against religious sites comes next, the types of religious sites which are of interest to this Report are set out and a list with the co-operating religious and state bodies.

In **Part II** all incidents against religious sites are listed by religion, as they have come to the knowledge of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs for the year 2017. Additional information is provided on relevant historical, legal and statistical data where appropriate.

**During 2017 a total of five hundred fifty six (556) incidents against religious sites were recorded which are broken down by religion as follows:**

**Christianity: five hundred thirty seven (537) incidents of all kind (vandalism, burglaries, thefts, sacrilege, acts of arson and other desecration).**

**In particular:**

**five hundred twenty five (525) incidents concern the Greek Orthodox Church, many of which demonstrating religious fanaticism (such as numbers 80, 112, 161, 184, 204, 255, 270, 284, 415, 428, 449, 480, 489, 503, 514-525),**

**two (2) concern the Catholic Church**

**one (1) concerns the Ethiopian Orthodox Church**

**four (4) concern the Armenian Evangelical Church**

**one (1) concerns the True Orthodox Christians of Greece (Old Calendarists)**

**and four (4) concern the Jehovah's Christian Witnesses**

**Judaism: eleven (11) incidents, several of which are acts of racism/antisemitism.**

**Islam: eight (8) incidents.**

**No incidents against other religions have been reported.**

In **Part III** the data are presented geographically and statistically in the form of maps and graphs, as follows:

- a) Geographical breakdown of the incidents in Greece by religion
- b) Geographical breakdown of the total of incidents reported by administrative region,
- c) Chronological order of the incidents by month
- d) Cases that have been solved and cases remaining unsolved



# I. INTRODUCTION

## A. The General Secretariat for Religious Affairs

### 1. Overview

The General Secretariat for Religious Affairs has always been associated with the Ministry of Education because matters concerning religion and education have been dealt with jointly since the creation of the independent Greek State. This relation is easier to understand through summarizing the establishment and evolution of the Ministry currently called Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs and in particular the course of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs in time.

At the first National Assembly of Epidaurus which was the first assembly of the legislative body of the Modern Greek State (Epidaurus, December 20, 1821 – January 16, 1822) the Provisional Constitution of Greece which is considered the first Constitution of Greece was adopted on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 1822. By this text it is established, inter alia, that “the Government is composed of the Senate and of the Executive Power”. The Executive Power names eight Secretaries renewed every year, one of whom is the Secretary “of Divine Worship”. The Bishop of Androussa was named to this position (The Provisional Constitution of Greece, First National Assembly of Epidaurus).

At the Second National Assembly convened in Astros a year later, the Provisional Constitution of Greece was revised and a new Constitution was adopted, named “the Epidaurus Law”, demonstrating the continuity between the new Constitution and the previous one. In this text, it is established that the Executive body shall be composed of seven ministers, one of whom still is the “Minister of Religion” (The Provisional Constitution of Greece, Second National Assembly at Astros, p. 5).

The Political Constitution of Greece adopted by the Third National Assembly at Troezen establishes three Secretaries of the State who are responsible for implementing the laws. One of the Secretaries of the State is the Secretary for law and education responsible for matters of Religion.

Lastly, the Royal Constitution of 1832, which was never applied, established that the Ministers - Secretaries were no more than seven, one of whom was responsible for the Ecclesiastical matters and Public Education.

In 1833, King Otto established with a Royal Decree that the Heads of Ministries shall be hereafter called “Secretaries of the State”. The Secretary for Ecclesiastical matters and Public Education was one of them (Official Gazette A’ 2). By the same decree, it is established that the scope of this Secretariat is to confer full freedom of worship to the Greek nationals of any religion. In the same year, the seven Secretariats are established, governed by the competent Secretary as Chief Director.

The Royal Decree establishing the seven Secretariats sets out that the Secretariat for Ecclesiastical matters and Public Education is the fourth in command among the Secretariats (A’ 13, 1833). Later on, the competences of the Secretariat for Ecclesiastical matters and Public Education are set out in two parts, the first of the two being Ecclesiastical matters:

- a) To comply with the laws regulating the relations among Christian churches and their religious communities;

- b) To maintain legitimate limits between political authority and ecclesiastical authorities and to protect the rights of the public sector in cases of conflict relating to ecclesiastical property and facilities;
- c) To examine decrees by the ecclesiastical authorities, especially those issued by the Pope of Rome, and to issue royal authorization before their publishing;
- d) To establish Synodic authorities, supervise their acts and issue relevant decisions;
- e) To supervise the holy worship and to restrict or to annul fairs or celebrations that are not essential;
- f) To secure the Royal Decree;
- g) To issue permits for establishing religious organizations and facilities and to shut them down if there is justified reason;
- h) To renovate and establish clerical facilities for the education and training of the clergy and with regard to the examination of the candidates for posts in the ecclesiastical hierarchy;
- i) To divide provinces of different ecclesiastical authorities;
- j) To provide for building and maintaining buildings for churches and priests' residences;
- k) To supervise the administration and management of the property dedicated to religious needs.

The second part includes Public Education matters, as follows:

- a) To supervise schools and education-related matters in general, to take the necessary actions to set up a body competent for the elementary and higher facilities, a University and an Academy for sciences;
- b) To take the necessary actions to provide equipment for schools and educational facilities and to supervise the administration for school property;
- c) To take the necessary actions to train competent teachers for schools and to build the necessary facilities;
- d) To secure scholarships for gifted students;
- e) To set up and supervise public libraries, an Observatory and other institutions of the kind;
- f) To direct the Royal Printing House and to accelerate translating the most significant foreign books into greek;
- g) To achieve progress in art and to set up schools for teaching art and collections and to build an Academy for plastic and visual arts, to make preparations for excavations and discovery of lost masterpieces of art and to preserve the existing ones and to ensure that they remain in the State;
- h) To promote scientific research for expanding knowledge and to publish manuscripts of monasteries which may be valuable to sciences;
- i) To make proposals on the faculty that shall be appointed to teaching positions or to public institutions promoting sciences and the arts.

Additionally, the Secretary for Ecclesiastical matters and Public Education is responsible for maintaining discipline among the staff that he supervises and for applying sanctions. The staff of the Secretariat, according to this Act, includes two advisers, three secretaries, two clerks and an usher. The staff may be increased if there is extreme urgency.

In the Constitution of 1844, State Secretariats are named Ministries and State Secretaries are named Ministers.

Law ΑΓ' "On organizing Ministries" (A' 14) adopted in 1846 establishes by legislation the term Ministries. The seven preexisting Ministries (former State Secretariats) are maintained, but for the first time it is laid down that the administration of the Ministries is divided into Departments and the post of the Secretary General is introduced. By the same law it is established that the staff of the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Matters includes two Department Heads, three secretaries (class a' and class b'), three clerks and two ushers.

By law ΣΙΕ' of December 16, 1852 (A' 65), an additional secretary of the minister is included and a clerk of class a'.

Four years later, in 1856, by Law ΤΟΣΤ' adopted in October 12, 1856 (A' 60), an additional secretary of the minister of class a' is included.

By the Act of Legislative Content of December 29, 1925 (A' 5) the Directorate for Religious Affairs is established in the Central Agency of the Ministry of Ecclesiastical Affairs. The Head of the Directorate is a General Director and has, along with the Minister, the high supervision of "Ecclesiastical" matters and may be instructed by the Minister to supervise "special matters". The General Director for Religious Affairs has the responsibilities and jurisdiction that the Head of the Department of Ecclesiastical matters hitherto had.

In 1926, a new Act of Legislative Content lays out that the Ministry of Ecclesiastical matters and Public Education is named Ministry of Religious Affairs and Education, consisting of twelve departments, first of which is the Department for Religious Affairs. By the same Act, the Act of 1925 (A' 140) is repealed, by which the Directorate for Religious Affairs was established.

In 1937, by emergency law 782 (A' 267) the Directorate for Religious Affairs is reestablished and the Ministry is named Ministry of Religious Affairs and National Education consisting of six departments:

- a. The Minister's cabinet
- b. The General Directorate for Antiquities, Letters and Fine Arts,
- c. The General Directorate for Education
- d. The General Directorate for Religious Affairs which includes two departments a) for Ecclesiastical matters and b) for Administration.
- e. The Directorate for the Youth
- f. The Directorate for Staff, processing and archives.

In 1951, by Emergency Law 1671 (A' 33), the Ministry of Religious Affairs and National Education is renamed Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs; this has been the name of the Ministry until 2009<sup>1</sup>.

In 1976, by Presidential Decree 147 (A' 56) the General Directorate for Religious Affairs is established. It comprises three Directorates:

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<sup>1</sup> In 2009, the Ministry was named Ministry of Education, Lifelong Learning and Religious Affairs (B' 2234/ 07-10-2009). In 2012, it was named Ministry of Education, Religious Affairs, Culture and Sports (A' 141/ 21-06-2012). In 2013, it was named Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs (A' 152/ 25-06-2013). In January 2015 it was named Ministry of Culture, Education and Religious Affairs (A' 20, 27-01-2015). In September 2015 it was named Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs (A' 114/ 22-09-2015) and the Ministry of Culture and Sports was reconstituted.

- a) for Ecclesiastical Administration, including i) the Department for Ecclesiastical Administrative matters and ii) the Department for Churches, Monasteries and Clergy
- b) for Ecclesiastical and Religious Education, including i) the Department for Staff and ii) the Department for Administration;
- c) for other denominations and religions, including i) the Department for other Denominations and ii) the Department for other religions.

In 1987, by Presidential Decree 417 (A' 186) the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs is established, providing for a position of Secretary General as Head (special positions type, 1<sup>st</sup> degree). The General Secretariat for Religious Affairs is responsible for implementing the government policies on Religions and for supervising the Directorates under the General Directorate for Religious Affairs, as set out in articles 5, 6 and 7 of Presidential Decree 147/1976. These Directorates along with their staff have been set under the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs.

In 1990, by Presidential Decree 339 (A' 135), General Directorates are established at the Ministry of National Education and Religious Affairs. The first in order is the General Directorate for Religious Affairs including the Directorates for:

- a) Ecclesiastical Administration
- b) Ecclesiastical Education
- c) other Denominations and Religions

The General Directorate coordinates the action of the units it is comprised of, aiming at specializing, analyzing and evaluating the policies implemented in Religious Affairs.

The General Directorate for Religious Affairs was repealed in 2014 by Presidential Decree 114 (A' 181). By this Decree, it is established that the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs includes two Directorates:

- a) Directorate for Religious Administration including the Department for Ecclesiastical Administration and the Department for other Religions and Denominations
- b) Directorate for Religious Education including the Department for Ecclesiastical and Religious Education and the Department for Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations

In this Presidential Decree, protection of freedom of religious conscience and religious worship and supervising religious ministers of all known religions is included for the first time among the scope of the mission of the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs. In particular, the aim of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs is to supervise the religious education system and to connect religion to culture while promoting actions against fanaticism and for interreligious relations. Within this framework, the Department for Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations was established under the Directorate for Religious Education.

## **2. Regulatory Framework in force**

Article 1 of the Presidential Decree 18/2018 (Official Government Gazette A'31) on the Organizational Structure of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, sets out the mission of the Ministry which is to develop and to constantly improve education aiming at:

- a) Educating Greeks morally, spiritually and physically;
- b) Developing national consciousness;
- c) Protecting freedom of religious conscience and of worship and supervising religious ministers of known religions;

- d) Teaching respect for freedom of speech and expression;
- e) Tolerating diversity;
- f) Educating based on the principles of democracy, equity, solidarity, non-discrimination, transparency and merit-based procedures;
- g) Respecting the natural and cultural environment and consolidating the principles of sustainability;
- h) Shaping free, active citizens with critical thinking;
- i) Developing and promoting science, research, innovation, technology, information society;
- j) Catering for quality education for the youth and for life-long learning.

Additionally, according to article 57 (1) of this Presidential Decree, the aim of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs is to supervise the religious education system and to connect religion to culture while promoting actions against fanaticism and for interreligious relations.

The General Secretariat for Religious Affairs includes two Directorates:

- a) The Directorate for Religious Administration including the Department for Ecclesiastical Administration, the Department for other Religions and Denominations and the Department for Islamic Matters and
- b) The Directorate for Religious Education including the Department for Ecclesiastical and Religious Education, the Department for Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations and the Department for Islamic Medresses.

## B. Protection of religious freedom

### 1. Regulatory framework

Since 1821 all Greek constitutional texts in addition to recognizing the religion of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ as the prevailing religion in Greece<sup>2</sup>, ensured the freedom of religious observance of all other known religions. The freedom of religious conscience was explicitly enshrined in the Constitution of 1927 and since then the word tolerance was substituted by the expression “religious freedom”. The consolidation of religious freedom is very significant because it constitutes an individual **right** which shall not be hindered by the State and the State shall take all appropriate measures (legislative, administrative etc.) to ensure the free exercise of this right<sup>3</sup>. According to the commonly held view, the individual right of religious freedom includes the concept of religious conscience and the freedom of observance<sup>4</sup>.

Article 13 of the Constitution of Greece establishes that: *“1. Freedom of religious conscience is inviolable. The enjoyment of civil rights and liberties does not depend on the individual’s religious beliefs 2. All known religions shall be free and their rites of worship shall be performed unhindered and under the protection of the law. The practice of rites of worship is not allowed to offend public order or the good usages. Proselytism is prohibited. [...] 4. No person shall be exempt from discharging his obligations to the State or may refuse to comply with the laws by reason of his religious convictions”.*

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<sup>2</sup> See I.B.2 for the meaning of the term “prevailing religion”

<sup>3</sup> S. Troiannos, Course in Canon Law, Sakkoulas Publishing House 1984, 2<sup>nd</sup> edition, par. 2.1.4 and 2.2.2.

<sup>4</sup> P.D. Dagtoglou, Constitutional Law- Civil Rights, Sakkoulas 1991, par. 554.

**This article of the Constitution protecting religious freedom may not be suspended when in state of siege (as referred to in article 48 of the Constitution) and paragraph 1 of article 13 may not be revised (as referred to in article 110 (1) of the Constitution).**

**Article 18 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights** adopted by the General Assembly of the United Nations on December 10, 1948, establishes that: *“Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief, and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in teaching, practice, worship and observance”*.

**Article 9 of the European Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms**, ratified by Law Decree 53/1974 (Official Government Gazette of the Hellenic Republic A’ 256) establishes that: *“1. Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion; this right includes freedom to change his religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief, in worship, teaching, practice and observance. 2. Freedom to manifest one’s religion or beliefs shall be subject only to such limitation as are prescribed by law and are necessary in a democratic society in the interests of public safety, for the protection of public order, health or morals, or for the protection of the rights and freedoms of others”*.

**Article 10 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union (2000/C 364/01)** establishes that: *“1. Everyone has the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right includes freedom to change religion or belief and freedom, either alone or in community with others and in public or in private, to manifest religion or belief, in worship, teaching, practice and observance”*.

**Article 18 of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, ratified by Law 2462/1997** (Official Government Gazette A’ 25) provides that: *“1. Everyone shall have the right to freedom of thought, conscience and religion. This right shall include freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice, and freedom, either individually or in community with others and in public or private, to manifest his religion or belief in worship, observance, practice and teaching. 2. No one shall be subject to coercion which would impair his freedom to have or to adopt a religion or belief of his choice. 3. Freedom to manifest one’s religion or beliefs may be subject only to such limitations as are prescribed by law and are necessary to protect public safety, order, health, or morals or the fundamental rights and freedoms of others. 4. The States Parties to the present Covenant undertake to have respect for the liberty of parents and, when applicable, legal guardians to ensure the religious and moral education of their children in conformity with their own convictions”*.

In addition to the aforementioned constitutional and international provisions, national legislation provides for more concrete measures<sup>5</sup> for protecting religious freedom for each and every known religion<sup>6</sup>, such as the penal provisions on [proselytism](#), the penal provisions on [jeopardizing religious peace](#) and on usurpation of a religious minister’s office<sup>7</sup>, stronger criminal proceedings against theft when religious worship items are being stolen and when it takes place in an area intended for religious worship<sup>8</sup> (sacrilege<sup>9</sup>), while damage committed in worship places is subject to criminal prosecution in the strictest version of the Penal Code on property damage (Penal Code article 381<sup>10</sup>) as aggravated cases.

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<sup>5</sup> S. Troiannos, op.cit., par. 2.2.7 and An. Christofilopoulos, Hellenic Ecclesiastical Law, Athens 1965, p.76

<sup>6</sup> P.D. Dagtoglou, op.cit., par. 572 : *“Known religion is the religion that has no hidden beliefs but clear dogma worship, organization and aims”*.

<sup>7</sup> Articles 175 par.2 Penal Code

<sup>8</sup> Article 374 Penal Code

<sup>9</sup> An. Christofilopoulos, op.cit., p.78

<sup>10</sup> Article 382 Penal Code

## 2. The meaning of the term “prevailing religion”

The distinction between the “prevailing religion” in Greece and all “known religions” is stated in the Constitution in force as well in all previous Constitutions since the foundation of the modern Greek state. As stated in article 3 of the Constitution: “: *“1.The prevailing religion in Greece is that of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ.[...]”*

It has been often clarified in public rhetoric and in constitutional law literature that recognizing the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ as the “prevailing” religion is an ascertainment due to the fact that the vast majority of Greeks (representing more than 95%) is connected to the Orthodox Church.

According to Evaggelos Venizelos: “... *the term “prevailing religion” contains on the one hand a historic and cultural content which is of no legal relevance, and on the other a factual content of legal relevance since it describes the orthodox church as the largest collective body of exercising religious freedom under all conditions and always by reference to the list of all other constitutional rights...*”<sup>11</sup>.

The view that the prevailing religion does not have the meaning of state religion or official religion and that it does not have a dominant role of a certain religion dictated by the Constitution, is commonly accepted nowadays<sup>12</sup>.

This is demonstrated in detail in recitals of judgments of the Plenary Session of the Council of the State (660/2018, 926/2018).

## 3. Prohibition of proselytism

In article 13 (2)(3) of the Constitution it is established that proselytism is prohibited and this applies to the prevailing religion and to any other religion. Even before the adoption of the Constitution and of the Penal Code<sup>13</sup>, a sanction for proselytism was provided for by article 4 of Emergency Law 1363/1938, as amended by article 2 of Emergency Law 1672/1939, which lays down that: “*1. Anyone engaging in proselytism shall be liable to imprisonment and a fine [...] 2. By the term ‘proselytism’ is meant, in particular, any direct or indirect attempt to intrude on the religious beliefs of a person of a different religious persuasion (heterodoxos), with the aim of undermining those beliefs, either by any kind of inducement or promise of an inducement or moral support or material assistance, or by fraudulent means or by taking advantage of the other person’s inexperience, trust, need, low intellect or naivety. 3. Committing this act at school or educational or charitable institutions is considered a particularly aggravated case”.*

According to a reference made by the Minister of Justice<sup>14</sup> at the time during the debates on Article 13 of the Constitution in force by the fifth Revisional Parliament, it appears that the type of proselytism prohibited by the Constitution and subject to criminal sanctions is the

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<sup>11</sup> Evaggelos Venizelos, *Church - State relations as relations regulated by the Constitution*, [In Greek] p.146 Paratiritis Publishing House, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.,Thessaloniki, 2000

<sup>12</sup> P.D. Dagtoglou, *Constitutional Law- Civil Rights*, Sakkoulas 1991, §569

<sup>13</sup> Dagtoglou. P. oc.cit. §596

<sup>14</sup> Chrysogonos C., “*Individual and Social rights*”, Athens, 2006, p. 281

attempt to intrude on the religious beliefs of a person by unlawful means, notably inducement or by fraudulent means.

Therefore, on the basis of the above, (a) confessing one's own religious belief in public; (b) persuading with arguments someone to change their religious beliefs; (c) preaching; (d) holding missions to people of a different denomination or religion; (e) publishing, selling and dispatching printed documents; and (f) holding public and/or open speeches with free attendance and departure and a clear indication of any declaration of religion or doctrine for which the dissemination is made, **do not constitute proselytism**<sup>15</sup>.

#### 4. Provisions of the Penal Code on jeopardizing religious peace

The Penal Code provisions on jeopardizing religious peace (Penal Code Chapter Z', articles 198-201) are part of the Regulatory Framework on protecting the freedom of every known religion in Greece. The following provisions are reliable to imprisonment for up to two years (with the exception of paragraph 2 of article 198) and are prosecutable ex-officio:

##### **Article 198 – Malicious blasphemy**

Malicious insult of God in public is subject to imprisonment for up to two years. Additionally, public expression of blasphemy and lack of respect to what is considered sacred is subject to imprisonment for up to six months or to a fine of up to €3,000.

##### **Article 199 – Insulting religion**

Malicious insulting in public of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ or any religion tolerable in Greece is subject to imprisonment for up to two years.

##### **Article 200 – Disturbance of religious assemblies**

Malicious attempt or intended to disturb any assembly for worship or practice organized by a religion tolerable by the state is subject to imprisonment for up to two years. The same sanction is provided for as regards acting in an insulting, inappropriate manner in a church or in a place assigned for an assembly by a religion tolerable in Greece.

##### **Article 201 – Insulting the memory of the dead**

Arbitrarily removing a dead person or their ashes from where they are entitled to be kept or acting in an abusive and improper manner towards the dead or the grave is subject to imprisonment of up to two years.

#### a. Protected legal right and reasons for legal protection

The Penal Code in force focuses on the protection of this legal right<sup>16</sup>. According to the widely held view, the intention of the law is certainly not to protect the divinity, but, instead, to protect a large number of legal rights summarized in the chapter of the Penal Code entitled **Religious freedom of citizens**<sup>17</sup>.

In general, the protected legal rights are, inter alia, religious feelings (of individual citizens, of groups or of the population as a whole), religious freedom (individual and collective), religious peace as special manifestation of the rights of public order and peace for the citizens, religion as a significant part of public life, freedom of religious conscience and practice of worship and the feeling of devotion and respect to the dead. The following reasons justify the protection of these rights: a) religious feelings are moral-social values and

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<sup>15</sup> Dagtoglou. P. oc.cit. §597

<sup>16</sup> Androutopoulos, G.I. "Religious Freedom according to case-law of the Supreme Court", Doctoral thesis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, October 2008 §20

<sup>17</sup> Gafou, I. "Penal Code, Special Part", Volume B' (articles 198-234), Athens 1959 §43



therefore they constitute social and legal interests worth protecting, for the benefit of civilization and of the state and b) religion has deep cultural bases, it is one of the most significant elements of intellectual civilization which affects not only feelings and thought but also human actions<sup>18</sup> .

The Supreme Court (Areios Pagos) confirms by its judgments that religious peace, in the concept of which the legal rights of religion, religious feelings, devotion and religious freedom are included, is a protected legal right (928/1984, 1869/1984, 1/2000, 1298/2002)<sup>19</sup>.

The **European Court for Human Rights (ECHR)** in its decision of October 25, 2018<sup>20</sup> on a case against the Republic of Austria for criminal conviction of the applicant for disparaging religious doctrines has decided that there had been no violation of Article 10 of the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms by domestic courts. **The freedom of expression of the applicant has been weighed against the right to protect religious peace and the religious feelings of others and therefore the Court endorsed the Government's assessment to serve a legitimate aim of safeguarding religious peace.**

#### **b. On malicious blasphemy, article 198 (1)**

In the Explanatory Memorandum of the Penal Code (1933), this action is sanctioned because it demonstrates contempt for religious feelings and in order to protect social peace. This provision is considered necessary because this type of insulting creates strong passions and it is in the interest of the state to tackle reasons of serious offenses. This may be achieved by prohibiting actions that, according to common understanding and experience, lead into raising passions and social discrimination<sup>21</sup> .

More specifically, according to the Explanatory Memorandum, an act that insults religious feelings and disturbs social peace is punishable. The main fundamentals of social peace and of living together in society for everyone is to be able to have and to freely express one's own beliefs provided that by doing this, one does not insult the laws of the State<sup>22</sup> .

The term "God" refers to the divinity according to the beliefs of each religion or, in other words, the supreme being of each monotheistic religion and according to the Supreme Court case law (233/1978, 1166, 1978), the term "the divine" is broader than "God" and includes everything that is considered sacred by any known religion<sup>23</sup> .

The term "insulting" refers to any expression of contempt for God. Contempt may result from the content or the type of expression or from both and can be manifested not only orally, but also in writing, by images, gestures, symbols etc. However, it is generally

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<sup>18</sup> Gafos I. op.cit., §43

<sup>19</sup> Androutsopoulos G., op.cit. §20

<sup>20</sup> Case 38450/12, E.S v. Austria

<sup>21</sup> Gafos I. op.cit. §44

<sup>22</sup> Mantzoutsos A. "The constitutional place of the Church of Greece, prevailing religion and Human Rights", Doctoral Thesis, National University of Athens, Athens, 2014, p.559-560

<sup>23</sup> Androutsopoulos G., op. cit. §20

recognized that acts such as denying God, debates on the existence of God and in general the field of scientific research and criticism, civilized discussions and supporting of versions that may not honor the concept of the divine, or superficial expressions and sarcasm in everyday speech are not considered insults<sup>24</sup>.

In order for the penal sanctions to be restricted only for cases where it is absolutely necessary, the conditions of intention and of malicious nature of the act must be in place. Therefore, according to the Explanatory Memorandum, the offender's act must aim directly at offending a religion for his own gratification<sup>25</sup>.

### **c. On Insulting religion, article 199**

By article 199 "Insulting religion", the individual religion is protected in the interest of religious peace in the state<sup>26</sup>. The term "any religion tolerable" reflects the expression applied in previous Constitutions (1844, 1864/1911) and has the same meaning as the term "known religion"<sup>27</sup>, used in the Constitution in force, which is the religion that has no hidden beliefs but clear dogmas and its worship does not offend public order or the good usages.

Insulting may be direct or indirect and it refers to any expression of contempt for God. Contempt may result from the content or the type of expression or from both and can be manifested not only orally but also in writing, by images, gestures, symbols etc. However, it is generally recognized that acts such as denying God, debates on the existence of God and in general the field of scientific research and criticism, civilized discussions and supporting of versions that may not honor the concept of the divine, or superficial expressions and sarcasm in everyday speech are not considered insults<sup>28</sup>.

As provided for also in article 198 (1), the malicious nature of the act is also a condition in this case as well, along with the intention in order for the penal sanctions to be restricted only to cases where it is absolutely necessary, according to the Explanatory Memorandum of the Penal Code<sup>29</sup>.

By way of example, in accordance with decision 256/1999 of the Supreme Court, the constituent elements of such an act were fulfilled in the case of perpetrators, adherents of a satanic cult, who acted as a group and in a malicious manner and for their own gratification, by breaking the cross of the iconostasis of an Orthodox Church in a public street of a small town.<sup>30</sup>

Lastly, it is noted that, in accordance with article 8(1) of Law 4411/2016 (A'142) the criminal sanction was eliminated for offences committed by March 31, 2016 as referred to in articles 198 and 199 of the Penal Code. However, offences in accordance with articles 200 and 201

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<sup>24</sup> Gafos I., op.cit. §44

<sup>25</sup> Androutsopoulos, G. op.cit. §20

<sup>26</sup> Gafos I., op.cit. §45

<sup>27</sup> Androutsopoulos, G. op.cit. §21

<sup>28</sup> Gafos I., op.cit. §45

<sup>29</sup> Gafos I., op.cit. §45

<sup>30</sup> Androutsopoulos, G. op.cit. §21

of the Penal Code, against disturbance of religious assemblies and insulting the memory of the dead were expressly excluded from this regulation.

## 5. Legal framework on acquiring a permit to build and to operate worship places (Houses of Prayer and Churches)

The procedure for issuing a permit to build and to operate worship places is different for the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ and for the other religions although the same basic principles are followed. This is basically due to the fact that the composition of the Greek population is by over 95% Greek Orthodox and therefore there is a multiple need to build and operate churches of the Orthodox Church. Additionally there are historical and cultural reasons for this practice which date back to the conditions of the establishment of the modern Hellenic State.

Protective provisions are made by the State in order to provide equal treatment for all religious communities in Greece, such as:

- a) **Law 4223/2013** (Official Government Gazette A' 287) introduced an exemption from paying real estate tax for all places of worship and prayer of all known religions and
- b) **Law 4301/2014** (Official Government Gazette A' 223) introduced an exemption from paying fees to regional authorities for all independent buildings of churches and places of prayer of all known religions and denominations.

### a. Building and operating of churches of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ

In order to build and operate churches of the Church of Greece the provisions of article 2 of **Law 4030/2011** apply "New procedure of issuing building permits, building control and other provisions" (Official Government Gazette A' 249), as it was supplemented by article 53 of **Law 4178/2013** (Official Government Gazette A' 174) "Building permits of ecclesiastical property".

With the aforementioned provisions the old status of "Church Building" was abolished and in its place a Building Service was established in the Church of Greece under the supervision and control of the Ministry of Environment and Energy. The Church of Greece hires the staff of this Service and pays their salaries. The Building Service is integrated in the information system in which all Building Services are connected. The building permit is issued by the Directorate for Construction and Building Regulations of the Ministry of Environment and Energy. The building permit and the permit for the building to be used as a church are issued, according to the general provisions, by the Building Service operating in the Church of Greece. Additionally, it is established that *"regarding private churches and chapels, the authorization to build and the issuing of a permit to build shall be issued by the competent Building Services of the respective Municipalities"*.

According to the circular issued by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece (Ref: 2842/13-6-2014) regarding the lawful beginning of constructions or change of use of ecclesiastical property<sup>31</sup> governed by the competent Building Service of the Church of Greece, the following conditions apply:

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<sup>31</sup> a) Bishporic buildings (one per Metropolitanate) b) churches (non-private) belonging to Metropolitanates, parishes, monasteries, pilgrimage foundations, Church foundations and annexes c) Monasteries (irrespective of their legal status). See article 4 of the Regulation of the Holy Synod 247/2013 "On organization, powers, constituent sitting, operation of the Building Service and the Central Council of Ecclesiastical Architecture of the Church of Greece" (Official Government Gazette 258 A').

*“1) submission of an application addressed to the local Metropolitan for issuing a document with his consent to the ecclesiastical construction or use and submission of the architectural design to the competent Holy Metropolitanate to be forwarded to the Central Council of Ecclesiastical Architecture in order to issue a favorable opinion on the architectural design;*

*2) written agreement – permission of the local Metropolitan for the ecclesiastical construction or use, otherwise the application shall not be forwarded to the Central Council of Ecclesiastical Architecture to give an opinion for the building permit to be issued by the Directorate for Construction and Building Regulations of the Ministry of Environment and, in this case, the application with the supporting documents shall be returned to the person concerned and the procedure shall be interrupted;*

*2. b) the positive opinion by the Central Council of Ecclesiastical Architecture on the architectural design. In order for the Central Council of Ecclesiastical Architecture to issue an opinion, the person concerned shall pay the fee provided for in the Regulation 247/2013 [...] to the Church of Greece (National Bank of Greece account number 040/558100-160). The name of the entity requesting the permit shall be indicated on the note of the wire transfer as well as the reason of the wire transfer: “Fee Building Service - Central Council of Ecclesiastical Architecture” [...];*

*3. The Central Council of Ecclesiastical Architecture shall return to the Holy Archdiocese the architectural design with its favorable opinion which shall be forwarded with all the necessary supporting documentation to the Directorate for Construction and Building Regulations of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change;*

*4. in the case of construction work or use for which the approval of the architectural design is not required, the competent Metropolitan shall forward the application with the necessary supporting documents and his favorable opinion to the Directorate for Construction and Building Regulations of the Ministry of Environment, Energy and Climate Change for issuing the building permit;*

*5. Following the building permit by the Directorate for Construction and Building Regulations, the application and supporting documents of the person concerned accompanied by the favorable opinion of the Metropolitan and the approval for the building permit by the Directorate for Construction and Building Regulations are submitted to the Building Service of the Church of Greece to issue the building permit;*

*6. the building permit issued by the Building Service of the Church of Greece after the study of the designs and the necessary documentation;*

*7. the permit for the building to be used as a church or the permit for its use as a place of worship or generally for religious use which is attached on the building permit, shall be stamped and signed “by order of the Holy Synod” by the Chief Secretary provided that the Building Service of the Church of Greece issues the building permit and this is an additional legal condition for the works to start (article 2(2)(Z) of Law 4030/2011);*

*8. the building permit issued by the Building Service shall be sent on the same day to the Directorate for Construction and Building Regulations and it shall be registered for the beginning of the control procedure for the constructions in accordance with the provisions”.*

Similar procedures are provided for by the Church of Crete and the Ecclesiastical Provinces of the Dodecanese in accordance to the article 12 “Building permits of ecclesiastical property of the Church of Crete” of **Law 4258/2014** “Process for delimiting and

arrangements on watercourses matters – arrangements of urban planning legislation and other provisions” (Official Government Gazette A’ 94)<sup>32</sup>.

### **b. Construction and operation of places of worship (houses of prayer and temples) of religious communities other than the Church of Greece, the Church of Crete, the Ecclesiastical Provinces of the Dodecanese and Mount Athos**

In accordance to the regulations of the first chapter of Law 4301/2014 (Official Government Gazette A’ 223) and the establishment of a new form of collective religious organization, namely the ecclesiastical and religious legal persons, all religious communities (except for those expressly excluded according to Article 16 of Law 4301/2014, that is the Church of Greece, the Church of Crete, the Ecclesiastical Provinces of the Dodecanese and Mount Athos - and in general every Orthodox ecclesiastical jurisdiction (klima)<sup>33</sup> -the Jewish Communities and the religious Muslim communities in the regions under the jurisdiction of the Muftiates in Thrace) may be organized as legal persons of this form governed by private law in accordance with the provisions of this law. In the provisions of the aforementioned law it is provided for that the religious and ecclesiastical legal persons may establish and operate worship places in their own name (article 9). A permit for establishing and operating a worship place may be issued for religious communities that have not received legal personality as referred to in Law 4301/2014.

In Greece, the regulations of **Emergency Law 1363/1938** (Official Government Gazette A’ 305) as amended by the regulations of **Emergency Law 1672/1939** (Official Government Gazette A’ 123), of the **Royal Decree of 20-5/2-6-1939** implementing it (Official Government Gazette A’ 220) and article 27 of **Law 3467/2006** (Official Government Gazette A’ 128) and the **joint circular 69230/A3/6-5-2014** (Online Publication Number ΒΙΦ09-Τ0Τ), as updated by the **joint circular 118939/ 01/ 19-7-2016** (Online Publication Number 76774653ΠΣ-5Ω9)<sup>34</sup>, are in force for granting a permit for worship places (temples and houses of prayer). These regulations do not apply to the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ (Church of Greece, Church of Crete, Ecclesiastical Provinces of the Dodecanese and Mount Athos), as foreseen in article 3 of the Constitution, for which specific provisions apply. In particular as concerns building permits for Islamic places of worship and/ or prayer in Thrace (mosques, tekke, masjid, cem, cemevi) the **joint circular 57071/01/3-4-2017** (Online Publication Number: 780Γ4653ΠΣ-Z3X) applies.

In accordance to the aforementioned provisions on the operation of places of prayer and/ or worship, in addition to the common planning regulations, a relevant permit by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs is required.

The official authorization for a church or house of prayer (with the exception of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ) is issued by non discretionary - according to case-law - decision of the Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs. The authorization may be issued after verification that the three conditions provided for by article 13 paragraph 2 of the

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<sup>32</sup> Regulation of the Holy Eparchial Synod of the Orthodox Church in Crete 3/2015 “On organization, powers, constituent sitting, operation etc. of the Council of Ecclesiastical Architecture in Crete and the Dodecanese and the Building Service of Crete and the Dodecanese” (Official Government Gazette 23 A’).

<sup>33</sup> It is clarified that the Orthodox Churches spiritually connected with the Ecumenical Patriarchate of Constantinople which are under a different ecclesiastical jurisdiction, “klima”, (other than the Church of Greece), i.e. other Orthodox Patriarchates or Autocephalous Churches, may establish glebes within the territory of the Church of Greece only under the specific provisions of article 39 of **Law 590/1977** (Official Government Gazette of the Hellenic Republic A’ 146) “on the Charter of the Church of Greece”.

<sup>34</sup> This [circular](#) as well as a [summary list](#) of the necessary documents are available in English on the webpage of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs

Constitution are satisfied (Council of State Plenary Session decision 4202/2012, Council of State Plenary Session decision 1444/1991, Council of State 5572/1996, Supreme Court of Cassation 20/2001) i.e. that this concerns a known religion with no hidden belief but clear doctrines, no proselytizing is practiced and its worship is free to everyone and does not offend public order or the good usages; moreover the other provisions laid down by legislation apply. “Non-compliance with the condition laid down by article 13, paragraph 2 of the Constitution on practicing religious worship, i.e. the condition of not offending public order or the good usages through religious worship is normally established by state repressive action” (Council of State Plenary Session 4202/2012 argument 8); however the prior – precautionary administrative investigation to verify formal and easily verifiable requirements and regulations – as those are set by the public order rules, may not be excluded or considered incompatible with the Constitution.

A “**house of prayer**”, as it is set out, is a place of worship of relatively small size in a private property designed to operate as a worship place for a limited number of people as opposed to a “**temple**” which is a single building for public religious observance and practice by anyone without distinction (Supreme Court of Cassation 20/2001 Penal Law Chamber). In accordance to the regulations of article 1 of Royal Decree 20-05/02-06-1939, an application of at least fifty (50) families is required for issuing the authorization required for establishing and operating a temple, whereas even a one-digit number of applicants is sufficient for issuing the authorization of a place of worship (case-law of the Council of State has upheld the number of five applicants as sufficient).

It is noted that the phrases “house of prayer” and “temple” are used as administrative and/or technical terms and that the religious communities select the exact designation of their places of prayer and/or worship which is stated on the application submitted to the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs.

Therefore, the human right of religious freedom, as enshrined in the Greek Constitution and in international legal instruments, is not unrestricted or uncontrolled. On the contrary, it is subject to specific, limited conditions including not offending the public order, which is a legitimate restriction as laid down in article 13 (4) of the Constitution where it is provided for that complying with the law is a restriction to this right. This restriction has a consequential function, meaning that practice of religious worship is not above the law, and a positive function, meaning that practicing believers are subject to the same legal obligations and requirements shared by all under the law.

As it is accepted by all legal theory and case-law: *“Freedom of worship does not enshrine the absolute right for believers to worship God where they want and when they want, without complying with the law nor does it enshrine a particular right to practice rites of worship in a designated area. It merely guarantees the right for believers of all religions and denominations to worship God in their own way and with the means chosen by themselves and imposed by the rules of their religion without unjustified obstacles and arbitrary interference by the State.”* (opinion by Antonis Manitakis entitled: “Constitutional protection of cultural property and freedom of worship in response to the use of the Rotonda” Thessaloniki 05-03-1995<sup>35</sup>).

Therefore, under the above conditions, the administrative authorization for the place of worship is *“a necessary measure in a democratic society pursuing a legitimate aim, namely the protection of public order, as the authorization is a measure proportionate to the aim pursued”* (Supreme Court 20/2001).

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<sup>35</sup> Published in Journal “Law and Nature” (Νόμος και Φύση), 1995 and can also be found at: <http://www.constitutionalism.gr/manitakis-rotonda/>

The meaning of public order (as laid down by Article 3 of the Civil Code) includes those provisions of mandatory law set out to serve the public -general and not private-interest. The implementation of these laws may not be excluded by the volition of private persons. That is to say that such mandatory rules apply in an absolute manner, without permitting any derogation, amendment or exclusion by virtue of a private agreement or a unilateral expression of the opposite will.

Therefore, in addition to the relevant provisions of the Constitution and the specific legislation, it is clear that, for the issuing of the authorization and the lawful operation of a place of worship, compliance with the laws on street planning, urban planning and health regulations is required as well as the provisions on quiet times, i.e. mandatory rules universally applicable which may not be excluded by private citizens, and regulations designated to ensure the necessary conditions of safety and protection of assembled citizens.

Particularly with regard to the regulations of urban planning and street planning legislation, the Legal Council of the State has held by opinions 343/2002 and 121/2008 that: "Within the definition of public order the following is included inter alia: compliance with regulations of the relevant urban planning and street planning legislation applicable in the area where the temple or place of worship shall operate". In fact, the Greek Ombudsman has expressed his position on this issue in the past, stating that prioritizing urban and building approval is not restrictive of the freedom of religion, provided that this is applicable under conditions of sound administration and is accompanied by a notification to the applicants as laid down by article 4 par. 2 of the Law of Administrative Procedure (see Greek Ombudsman document Ref. number 18893.06.2.6./09/09/2008 and Mediation Summary of September 2009).

The following rules are included in particular within the generally applicable rules of public order (in terms of urban planning, street planning and public health) aiming at the safe use of buildings and the protection of their users and the local residents:

**A)** Rules on categories and content of land use i.e. **Presidential Decree 23/02/1987** (Official Government Gazette D' 166/06-03-1987). These rules lay down the land use in areas of application of the general urban development plans according to their general or specific urban functional dimension in which particular case the legislator has specifically provided for the category "Religious Sites" as a special category (article 1, indent B, number 3) which is allowed to be used in several areas of Urban Development Plan (e.g. residential areas, "exclusive", as referred to in article 2, indent 7, and "general" in article 3 indent 8, urban areas, as referred to in article 4, indent 12, tourist areas as referred to in article 8, indent 10). In accordance with these provisions, a religious site (place of worship, temple) may operate legally in an Urban Development Plan area where such use is provided for.

**B)** Rules on categories and classification of buildings depending on their use and on the subsequent specifications that must be followed depending on the estimated population served, in accordance with **articles 3 and 4 of the Building Code** (see articles 346-347 Code of Planning Legislation 14-07-1999, Official Government Gazette D' 580/27-07-1999) which lay down that the category "Public Assembly" includes buildings and parts of buildings used for the assembly of at least 50 persons for religious events and activities (therefore inter alia temples are explicitly included in accordance to article 346, paragraph 1, indent C); for these religious places floor area of at least 0,65 square meters per person is required (article 347, indent C (bb)).

**C)** Rules on general conditions of hygiene of the building and on public health protection (e.g. water, sewerage, lighting, ventilation etc.) such as: a) **article 11 of the Building Code** (see article 354 Code of Planning Legislation 14-07-1999, Official Government Gazette D' 580/27-07-1999) on the obligation for all areas of principal use in buildings to have natural

lighting and ventilation (direct and indirect) and b) **the Ministerial Decree Γ1/9900/27-11/03-12-1974 of the Minister of Social Services** (Official Government Gazette B' 1266/1974) in so far as it is in force, laying down the obligation of constructing and providing toilet facilities in all areas of public assembly and living areas (article 1, indent 9), as well as the other provisions within the existing legislation on Public Health protection.

**D)** Rules on fire safety, i.e. the provisions of **Fire Fighting Regulation 3/2015** (Official Government Gazette B' 529/2015), **Fire Protection Regulation for buildings, Presidential Decree 71/1988** (Official Government Gazette A' 32/17-02-1988) as well as the **Fire Fighting Regulation 13/2013** (Official Government Gazette B' 1586/2013) in force. In accordance with the aforementioned legal provisions, designated requirements on fire safety measures must be followed– depending on the date of the application of the building permit and on the number of people gathered- both for the assembly areas for fewer than fifty persons and those for over fifty persons. It is explicitly mentioned that buildings or parts of buildings where people gather for religious events and activities (in accordance with the relevant regulation of the Building Code) explicitly referring to churches and places of worship (article 1, Fire Fighting Regulation 3/2015, Official Government Gazette B'529/2015) are included in the abovementioned places. Compliance with the relevant regulations is evidenced by the fire safety certificate issued by the competent firefighting authority.

**E)** The regulation on quiet hours measures, i.e. **Police Regulation 3/1996** (Official Government Gazette B' 15/1996); in accordance with Article 2, managers of public establishments (serving food and drinks) and other enterprises as well as home owners “are required to use mechanical means or other appropriate means to diminish to the minimum possible level the noise caused” by various installations to protect neighboring population.

Additionally, the rules of public order generally applicable clearly include the general fiscal provisions relating to taxes, penalties and specific obligations not only with regard to taxpayers (natural persons, legal persons, associations, societies etc.) but also with regard to non-taxpayers, as defined in article 11(3) of **Law 4174/2013** “Tax procedures and other provisions” (Official Government Gazette A' 170) stating that: “3. Tax administration may issue a VAT identification number to a tax-exempt person, if this is required by other provisions. In particular, Tax administration shall issue a VAT identification number at the request of any natural person or legal person or legal entity if a financial transaction is carried out with national general government entities, credit institutions and payment institutions. All issues related to the application of the aforementioned indent as well as all additional details may be set up by decision of the Secretary General” as well as all the relevant regulatory decisions pursuant to this authorization.

Council of State decision 582/2011 on mandatory issuing of VAT identification number held that this obligation: “... is not contrary to article 13 of the Constitution or article 9 of the European Convention on Human Rights because it aims at achieving a public objective (the effective operation of the new computerized system and the subsequent tackling of tax fraud) and it introduces an obligation of general and impersonal scope not dependent on religious beliefs, which is not subject to any exception, especially as this obligation does not constitute an attempt to exercise state authority to the personal beliefs of the citizens.”

It is noted that according to circular 128231/Θ1/ 2-8-2016 on “*Process for construction of a worship place (temple or house of prayer) of a formal or informal type of organization of a religion or a denomination of a religious community (other than the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ)*” (Online Publication Number: ΨΔ014653ΠΣ-ΓΕΙ) the provision for the administrative authorization is applied in all cases of operating churches or houses of prayer and in general all buildings, new or existing, used for practicing religious beliefs of all religious communities (except for those within the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Eastern



Orthodox Church of Christ in Greece as referred to in Article 3 of the Constitution). The above concern religious communities organized as legal persons of any formal type, as well as communities remaining informal, with no special legal personality (on the same legal grounds and given the equal enjoyment, by all religious people, of their constitutional rights, as explicitly stipulated by the Constitution and implemented for decades in the Greek national law).

Before the planning authorities issue a permit to **construct** a temple or a worship place of any religious community (except for those within the ecclesiastical jurisdiction of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ as referred to in Article 3 of the Constitution), a permit by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs is required. Having regard to all the above, the religious community concerned should be addressed to the Directorate of Religious Administration of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs before the issuing of the building permit by the competent building authority in order to request the issuing of the relevant administrative act by the Directorate of Religious Administration on the building permit.

It is clarified that the **building permit** issued in the stage prior to building, **shall not be under any circumstances permit to establish and operate**. Therefore, it does not authorize the operation of the worship place and it is limited only to authorize on behalf of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs the reconstruction work. This permit is issued by the Directorate of Religious Administration before the beginning of the building works and only following an examination of the conditions defined by Article 13, paragraph 2 of the Constitution on free practice of worship (*"All known religions shall be free and their rites of worship shall be performed unhindered and under the protection of the law. The practice of rites of worship is not allowed to offend public order or the good usages. Proselytism is prohibited"*) and the provisions in force of Law 1363/38 and Law 1672/39, and it does not replace the permit to establish and operate (separate and distinct from the one cited above) which is issued in a second step and concerns the operating possibility of an existing building to serve the aim for which it was built. Therefore, following the issuing of a building permit and the completion of the necessary building works, all interested parties should be addressed again to the Directorate for Religious Administration to submit the file with the necessary supporting documents in order to receive then the necessary permit to establish and operate a temple.

### **c. Procedure for recognizing a worship place existing before 1955 (except for the ones under the jurisdiction, "klima", of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ, as referred to in article 3 of the Constitution)**

A large number of old worship places of different religious communities, even historical ones, despite the fact that they have not received a permit for establishing and operating a worship place, they operate in a constant and uninterrupted manner for many decades catering for the worship purposes of the relevant communities. A significant number of these worship places had been established and operated before the existing regulatory framework (1938-1939).

In order to settle this problem that has been unsolved for many years creating serious practical issues in terms of the relations between the religious communities and the public agencies, and of the everyday operation and mission of these communities, the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs issued a circular (Ref. number 176169/ 01/19-10-2018). According to this circular, all religious communities may request an act of declaratory effect, especially as regards worship places for which no permit has been issued for their establishment and operation. In this way, these worship places will operate legally and their

religious ministers will be included in the Register held by the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs. **The condition to be fulfilled in order to apply for this act is that the worship places have been operating in a constant and uninterrupted manner in this specific building or in part of the building for a long period of time and at least since August 9, 1955, or before, to the present day.**

## 6. The Network for recording incidents against religious sites and the Report drawn up

By Decision (Reference number: 1149/22-6-2015) of the Secretary General for Religious Affairs, the Department for Religious Freedoms and Interfaith Relations was made responsible to:

- a) set up and establish a **Network of cooperation** for recording incidents of desecration/ vandalism and any type of offence against religious sites as well as the procedural course. This network consists of representatives of religious communities and state bodies and authorities, as appropriate, involved with confronting and/ or recording such incidents (i.e. the Hellenic Police, the competent Public Prosecutors' offices, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights, the Ministry of Culture and Sports etc.) and
- b) collect, process and publish this information **in an annual Report.**

All places of worship (Churches, Synagogues, Temples, Houses of Prayer etc.), both the lawfully existing ones as well as the unofficial ones (i.e. operating without the relevant permit by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs) are considered as religious sites. Schools of religious nature (Ecclesiastical Schools, Jewish Schools and Islamic Medresses in Thrace), cemeteries of religious nature (Parish cemeteries, Muslim cemeteries, Jewish cemeteries) and, in some cases, monuments of religious nature or monuments connected to religious minorities (i.e. Holocaust Memorials for Greek Jews etc.), are also considered as religious sites. The incidents collected and reported are all types of offences against such religious sites.

It is noteworthy that the publication of the previous Reports of years [2015](#) and [2016](#) have been broadly welcomed<sup>36</sup> by religious communities and have led to a constructive approach.<sup>37</sup> Following this, the Network of cooperation for recording incidents continued to

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<sup>36</sup> By way of illustration:

-as stated in the letter (Ref. 16/20-2-2017) of the Jewish Community of Volos: *"Allow us to congratulate you on your laudable initiative and on the strenuous efforts you have made in order to carry out and publish the report on acts of violence against religious sites"*

-as stated in the letter (13-3-2017) of the Baha'i National Spiritual Assembly of Greece: *"This initiative which is constructive for Greece gives us a sense of security and satisfaction"*.

- as stated in an e-mail (of 20-2-2018) by the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece: *"[...] we would like to thank you for sending us the Report of 2016 and to congratulate you on your systematic and well-prepared work [...]"*

- as stated in a letter (of 7-3-2018) by the Jehovah's Christian Witnesses: *"[...] We appreciate the interest of the Ministry on this matter [...]. We thank you for your sensitivity on protecting religious sites [...]"*

- as stated in an e-mail (of 13-3-2018) by the Armenian Evangelical Church in Greece: *"we congratulate you for publishing the report with incidents that took place in 2016; it covers sufficiently and in depth the material. [...]"*

<sup>37</sup> For instance, as stated in the letter (Ref. 313/20-12-2016) of the Most Rev. Metropolitan of Kos and Nisyros Nathanael [underlining added]: *"In this Report which is the result of a noble initiative of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, part of the reflection of the current situation is included regarding incidents of desecration of sacred sites in our country; a part which is sufficient to demonstrate the need for appropriate measures that should be taken by those responsible for the various religious sites (those of Holy*

further expand with the participation of more religious communities which is particularly significant for extracting primary data, regarding offences against sites of specific religious communities as well as lack of such acts within the reference year.

Therefore, by this third Report, an attempt has been made to collect offensive acts against religious sites, by recording the overall situation at national level so that this may be used as a reliable tool to draw conclusions on the real scale of these phenomena and to contribute in developing policies to tackle them.

More specifically, for the year 2017, the data was mostly provided by the official correspondence with the Network participants, Press Releases and Communiqués by the Hellenic Police and news and articles published in the press daily as indexed by the Press Office of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs and news published in electronic media.

Within the framework of the Network of cooperation for recording incidents the following religious and state bodies whom we thank once again, have worked with us:

<b>A. Religious Communities</b>	
<b>RELIGION</b>	<b>Public Law Bodies /Ecclesiastical Legal Persons/ Religious Legal Persons /Religious Communities</b>
<b>CHRISTIANITY</b>	Orthodox Church: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Church of Greece</li> <li>• Church of Crete</li> <li>• Metropolitanate of Symi, Tilos, Chalki and Kastellorizo</li> <li>• Metropolitanate of Rhodes</li> <li>• Metropolitanate of Leros, Kalymnos and Astypalea</li> <li>• Metropolitanate of Kos and Nisyros</li> <li>• Metropolitanate of Karpathos and Kasos</li> </ul>
	Catholic Church in Greece (Ecclesiastical Legal Person, article 13. Law 4301/2014)
	Greek Evangelical Church (Ecclesiastical Legal Person, article 13 Law 4301/2014)
	Greek Evangelical Church of Thessaloniki (Religious Legal Person, article 13 Law 4301/2014)
	Greek Evangelical Church of Ioannina (Religious Legal Person, article 13 Law 4301/2014)
	Evangelical Church of Corinth
	Armenian Orthodox Church in Greece (Ecclesiastical Legal Person, article 13 Law 4301/2014)
	Armenian Community of Komotini
	Christian Evangelical Church
“Jesus Christ is the Answer to Life” International Church	

*Metropolitanates, Hegumens of Monasteries, Heads of Parishes, and those of other denominations and religions, respectively) as well as by the State through more effective policing of these sites, the desecration of which causes painful feelings to all those who respect not only their own religious sites but also those of their fellow men regardless of their faith”.*

	Biblical Baptist Church
	Apostolic Church of Christ (member of the Synod of Greek Pentecostal Churches)
	Church of Christians of Greece
	Free Apostolic Church
	Redeemed Christian Church of God
	Choice of Life Christian Church
	Abundant Grace Christian Church- Apostolate
	German speaking Evangelical Church in Greece – Thessaloniki Parish
	Lamb of God World Outreach Ministries
	Christ Pentecostal Church
	Apostolic Church of Jesus Christ
	Armenian Evangelical Church in Greece
	Jehovah’s Christian Witnesses in Greece
<b>JUDAISM</b>	Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece
<b>ISLAM</b>	Muftiate of Didymoteicho
	Muftiate of Komotini
	Muftiate of Xanthi
	Managing bodies of the Waqf property in Kos
	Managing bodies of the Waqf property in Rhodes
	Managing committee of the Islamic property in the City of Xanthi
	Managing committee of the Islamic property in the City of Komotini
	Worship house DAROL JANATA (PARADISE)
	Worship house of Greek Muslims
<b>BUDDHISM</b>	Tibetan Buddhism- Karma Kagyu - Diamond Way
<b>HINDUISM</b>	SARBAT DA BHALA – WELFARE OF ALL
<b>BAHA’I</b>	National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha’is of Greece

<b>B. State bodies</b>
<b>Hellenic Police: Public Security Division / Police Headquarters</b>
<b>Public Prosecutor's Offices</b>
Aigio
Alexandroupolis
Amaliada
Amfissa
Arta
Athens
Chalkis
Drama
Edessa

Giannitsa
Heraklion, Crete
Ilia
Ioannina
Kalavrita
Katerini
Kavala
Kefalinia
Larisa
Lasithi
Messolonghi
Nafplion
Naxos
Orestias
Patra
Rhodes
Preveza
Rethymno
Thesprotia
Thessaloniki
Trikala
Veria
Volos
<b>Ministry of Foreign Affairs</b>
A7 Directorate for North America
D3 Directorate for the Organisation for Security and Co-Operation in Europe (OSCE) and the Council of Europe
D4 Directorate for Human Rights, Minorities, Refugees and Migrants
E2 Directorate for Religious and Ecclesiastical Affairs
<b>Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights</b>
Directorate of Legislative work, International Relations and International Judicial Cooperation / Department of the European Union and International Organizations
<b>Ministry of Culture and Sports</b>
Directorate of Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Antiquities / Department for Supervision of Scientific Institutions in Greece and abroad and for Coordination of International Cooperation and Organizations

## II. INCIDENTS OF YEAR 2017

All incidents recorded are set out below by religion in chronological order and with a brief description of the details (place, date, description of the incident, perpetrators, police and procedural action and other remarks). Additional information is provided on relevant historical, legal and statistical data where appropriate.

### A. Christianity

#### 1. Orthodox Church

##### a. Introduction

The Orthodox Church in Greece is not a single administrative unit; it consists of ecclesiastical structures sharing a common reference point: their relation to the Ecumenical Patriarchate. The term “Orthodox Church in Greece” designates: a) the **Orthodox Church of Greece** which is autocephalous and consists of the Archdiocese of Athens and eighty one (81) Metropolitanates, b) the semi-autonomous Church of Crete, under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, which consists of the Archdiocese of Crete and eight (8) Metropolitanates, c) the Ecclesiastical Provinces of the Dodecanese (5 Metropolitanates<sup>38</sup> and the Patriarchal Exarchate of Patmos<sup>39</sup>) which, spiritually, administratively, and according to the canon law come directly under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate and d) the Aghion Oros (Mount Athos) which is a self-governed part of the Greek State as established by the Hellenic Constitution, spiritually under the jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate.

The Metropolitanates and the Parishes (which are the basic subdivisions of the ecclesiastical organizational structure) are legal persons governed by public law<sup>40</sup>.

In **article 3 of the Constitution** the definition of the “Orthodox Church of Greece” is established: *“1. The prevailing religion in Greece is that of the Eastern Orthodox Church of Christ. The Orthodox Church of Greece, acknowledging our Lord Jesus Christ as its head, is inseparably united in doctrine with the Great Church of Christ in Constantinople and with every other Church of Christ of the same doctrine, observing unwaveringly, as they do, the holy apostolic and synodal canons and sacred traditions. It is autocephalous and is administered by the Holy Synod of serving Bishops and the Permanent Holy Synod originating thereof and assembled as specified by the Statutory Charter of the Church in compliance with the provisions of the Patriarchal Tome of June 29, 1850 and the Synodal Act of September 4, 1928. 2. The ecclesiastical regime existing in certain districts of the State shall not be deemed contrary to the provisions of the preceding paragraph. 3. The text of the Holy Scripture shall be maintained unaltered. Official translation of the text into any other form of language,*

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<sup>38</sup> a) Holy Metropolitanate of Rhodes, b) Holy Metropolitanate of Kos and Nisyros, c) Holy Metropolitanate of Leros, Kalymnos and Astypalaia, d) Holy Metropolitanate of Karpathos and Kassos, e) Holy Metropolitanate of Symi.

<sup>39</sup> By Law 1155/1981 Patmos was pronounced Holy Island aiming, inter alia, at safeguarding the island’s unique religious nature and at protecting its holy sites along with its artifacts and treasures and at showcasing and evaluating them (article 1(2)(a)).

<sup>40</sup> Articles 1(4), 11(3) and 36 (1) Law 590/1977 (Official Government Gazette A’ 146)

*without prior sanction by the Autocephalous Church of Greece and the Great Church of Christ in Constantinople, is prohibited”.*

The factual situation and place of the Church of Greece is established by Law **590/1977** “On the Charter of the Church of Greece” (Official Government Gazette A’ 146), as amended by Laws **2740/1999, 2817/2000, 3432/2006, 4178/2013, 4235/2014, 4301/2014, 4386/2016, 4485/2017, 4559/2018** and the Decisions of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece Ref. 4432/2823/8-10-10 (Official Government Gazette A’ 244), Decision of 23-6-2010 (Official Government Gazette A’ 156), Decision Ref. 4562/2593/16-11-2010 (Official Government A’ 200), Ref. 4736/2758/7-10-2011 (Official Government Gazette A’234) Decision of 8-3-2012 (Official Government Gazette A’ 69) and of 8-5-2012 (Official Government Gazette A’ 120) and 5053/2016/625/17 (A’45).

As regards the semi-autonomous Church of Crete, Law **4149/1961** “On the Statutory Act of the Orthodox Church of Crete and other provisions” (Official Government Gazette A’ 41) as amended by **Emergency Law 137/1967, Decree Laws 464/1970 and 77/1974 and Laws 1894/1990, 2413/1996, 4301/2014 and 4310/2014.**

The six Ecclesiastical Provinces of the Dodecanese are directly subject to the canonical, spiritual and administrative jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. Special regulations are established by **articles 21 and 22 of Law 4301/2014** for addressing organizational and administrative issues, in line with recent amendments of the Statutory Charter of the Church of Greece.

Lastly, Mount Athos (Aghion Oros) is self-governed, as established by **article 105 of the Constitution**: *“1.The Athos peninsula extending beyond Megali Vigla and constituting the region of Aghion Oros shall, in accordance with its ancient privileged status, be a self-governed part of the Greek State, whose sovereignty thereon shall remain intact. Spiritually, Aghion Oros shall come under the direct jurisdiction of the Ecumenical Patriarchate. All persons leading a monastic life thereon acquire Greek citizenship without further formalities, upon admission as novices or monks. 2. Aghion Oros shall be governed, according to its regime, by its twenty Holy Monasteries among which the entire Athos peninsula is divided; the territory of the peninsula shall be exempt from expropriation. The administration of Aghion Oros shall be exercised by representatives of the Holy Monasteries constituting the Holy Community. No change whatsoever shall be permitted in the administrative system or in the number of Monasteries of Aghion Oros, or in their hierarchical order or in their position to their subordinate dependencies. Heterodox or schismatic persons shall be prohibited from dwelling thereon. 3. The determination in detail of the regimes of the Aghion Oros entities and the manner of operation thereof is effected by the Charter of Aghion Oros which, with the cooperation of the State representative, shall be drawn up and voted by the twenty Holy Monasteries and ratified by the Ecumenical Patriarchate and the Parliament of the Hellenes. 4. Faithful observance of the regime of the Aghion Oros entities shall in the spiritual field be under the supreme supervision of the Ecumenical Patriarchate, and, in the administrative, under the supervision of the State, which shall also be exclusively responsible for safeguarding public order and security. 5. The afore-mentioned powers of the State shall be exercised through a governor whose rights and duties shall be determined by law. The law shall likewise determine the judicial power exercised by the monastic authorities and the Holy Community, as well as the customs and taxation privileges of Aghion Oros\*”*

In particular, as regards Aghion Oros, Decree Law 10/16-9-26 “On ratification of the Charter of Aghion Oros” (Official Government Gazette A’ 309) is applicable.

## b. Numerical data

The existing Holy Metropolitanates of the Orthodox Church in Greece (the Exarchate of Patmos included), amount to 97 and are listed in detail in the Addendum (Table iii)

According to the data in the possession of the Directorate for Religious Administration, **the existing parish churches and monastery churches for the total of the Holy Metropolitanates of the Orthodox Church in Greece, amount to 9,802.** Chapels, pilgrimage churches, private churches, cemetery chapels and other religious sites do not factor in this figure.

The number of parishes and monasteries on the basis of which is calculated the total number of churches per Metropolitanate in Greece, is listed in the Addendum (Table iii)

In 2017, one (1) **Presidential Decree** was adopted for establishing a parish, two (2) for renaming a Monastery and two (2) for re-establishing Monasteries in Metropolitanates of the Church of Greece. Additionally, two (2) applications were filed requesting to establish parishes and two (2) to establish Monasteries (their publication was pending on December 31, 2017).

## c. Incidents

The religious sites of the Orthodox Church for this Report include Monasteries, all types of churches<sup>41</sup>, religious monuments (such as the Areopagus where Apostle Paul delivered his speech to the Athenians, wayside shrines), as well as Ecclesiastical schools and cemeteries.

The incidents presented in details below are those communicated to the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs within the framework of the Network of cooperation. This list of incidents against the Orthodox Church for year 2017 is certainly not exhaustive.

By way of example, the Holy Metropolitanate of Mantinea and Kynouria has made reference to vandalism with graffiti on church walls by unidentified perpetrators, for which there has been no official recording or any complaint filed with the police.

Additionally, the Holy Provincial Synod of the Church of Crete has posted a [Communiqué](#) on June 5, 2018 referring to the continuously increasing incidents of thefts and vandalism of Monasteries and Churches in Crete.

In the [letter](#) sent on October 8, 2017 by the Head of the Church Saint Panteleimon (Acharnon st, Athens), the problem of continuous and extensive vandalism at the church and in the area in general is described.

For the year **2017, five hundred twenty five (525)** incidents have been recorded, as follows:

N <sup>o</sup>	1. (See also N <sup>o</sup> 97)
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Petroti Thessaloniki
Date	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and ecclesiastical items were stolen

<sup>41</sup> According to article 1 of the Regulation of the Holy Synod 8/79 "On Churches and Parishes" the churches of the Greek Orthodox Church are divided into a) parish churches, including their chapels, b) Pilgrimage churches or churches of public benefit purpose and Church foundations, c) Private Churches, d) Cemetery Churches.



Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	2.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Laodikino, Kilkis
Date	January 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and ecclesiastical items were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	3.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Vardali, Fthiotis
Date	January 1/2, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	4.
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Gavrakia, Domokos, Fthiotis
Date	January 2, 2017
Brief description	Theft of money
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	5. (See also N° 6 and 7)
Place	Church of Sts. Constantine and Eleni (Aghiou Constantinou kai Elenis), Ganochora, Pieria
Date	January 8, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators entered through an unsecured door, broke into collection box and stole a small amount of money
Perpetrator(s)	One minor and three adults, Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	See N° 7

N°	6. (See also N° 5 and 7)
Place	Cemetery Church of Saint Athanasios (Aghiou Athanasiou), Ganochora, Pieria
Date	January 8, 2017

Brief description	Perpetrators entered through an unsecured door, broke into collection box and stole a small amount of money
Perpetrator(s)	One minor and three adults, Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	See N° 7

N°	7. (See also N° 5 and 6)
Place	Church of St. Nifon (Aghiou Nifonos), Ganochora, Katerini
Date	January 9, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into outdoor collection box
Perpetrator(s)	One minor and three adults, Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were caught in the act and served with a notice to appear in court
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	8. (See also N° 218)
Place	Church of Saint Vissarion (Aghiou Vissarionos), Larissa
Date	January 10/11, 2017
Brief description	Breaking into collection box and alms box and theft of €500
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	9.
Place	Church of Saint John Chrysostom (Aghiou Ioannou Chrysostomou), Preveza
Date	January 12, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken, attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was caught in the act and was referred to the competent Court of First Instance and sentenced

N°	10.
Place	Monastery Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas) Tzagarolon, Chania
Date	January 12, 2017
Brief description	Breaking through the door of the Holy Bema and theft of ecclesiastical items without causing any other damage inside or outside the Monastery Church
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint against persons unknown was filed

N°	11.
Place	Byzantine Church of Saint Theodora, Arta
Date	January 13, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrator broke into the church and stole the alms box with the money it contained
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was caught in the act and was referred to the competent Court of First Instance
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	12.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Holy Metropolitanate of Kastoria
Date	January 14, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators broke through the entrance door and destroyed it; the pedestal of the Metropolitan throne was destroyed; human bones were found and two skulls, one of which had two holes
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed

N°	13.
Place	Cemetery Church of Mandra - Eidyllia
Date	January 14, 2017
Brief description	Theft of a bronze lantern and a lamp from a grave
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	14.
Place	Church of the Taxiarch, Ypsilos, Andros
Date	January 14, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into church
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	15.
Place	Church of Saint Panteleimon (Aghiou Panteleimonos) Strapourgies, Andros
Date	January 14, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into church

Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	16.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Menites, Andros
Date	Between January 8 and 15, 2017
Brief description	Approximately €150 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	17.
Place	Church of Sts. Anargyroi (Aghion Anargyron), Psyrrri
Date	January 15, 2017
Brief description	Church flags were burned
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	18.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Rematia, Messinia
Date	January 19, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and a small amount of money was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	19.
Place	Church of the Holy Apostles, Molydoskepasto, Konitsa
Date	January 19/20, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken into, eleven icons from the 19 <sup>th</sup> century were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	20.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagias Faneromenis), Veria
Date	January 20, 2017

Brief description	Window case and window railings were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	21.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Rafina
Date	January 20, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and money was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	22.
Place	Church of Saint Dimitrios (Aghiou Dimitriou), Amfia, Rodopi
Date	January 21, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance window was broken, attempt to break into church
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to competent Public Prosecutor

N°	23.
Place	Chapel of Saint Spyridon (Aghiou Spyridonos), Veria
Date	January 22, 2017
Brief description	Window and window railings were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	24.
Place	Church of Saint Athanasios (Aghiou Athanasiou), Toumba, Kilkis
Date	January 22/23, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	25.
Place	Chapel of Saint Themistoklis (Aghiou Themistokleous), Parish of Saint Dimitrios, Nafpaktos

Date	Between December 21, 2016 and January 26, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, certain objects were stolen, evidence of drug use in the church
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	26.
Place	Church of Saint Charalambos (Aghiou Charalambous), Perama, Ioannina
Date	January 26, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	27.
Place	Church of Sts. Constantine and Eleni (Aghiou Constantinou kai Elenis), Pidima, Kalamata, Messinia
Date	Between January 22 and 27, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators broke into Church through the tile roof and stole small amount of money from collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	28.
Place	Municipal Cemetery of Makri, Fthiotis
Date	January 28, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	29.
Place	Chapel in Christianoupoli, Messinia
Date	January 29, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken into, windowpane was broken and cleaning products were stolen as well as five liters of oil.
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	30.
Place	Monastery of Varnakova, Efpalio, Dorida, Fokis

Date	January 29, 2017
Brief description	According to the Press Release of January 30, 2017 by the Fire Service: <i>“There was a fire in the Monastery of Varnakova in Efpalio, Dorida, Fokis. Our Service received a call yesterday at 13:25 and 23 firefighters with 9 vehicles participated in extinguishing the fire. The fire caused extensive material damage in the monastery”</i>
Perpetrator(s)	<i>No data available</i>
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	31.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Kallithea
Date	January 30, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with slogans (“ΕΚΚΛΗΣΙΑ Α.Ε.», «Ο ΘΕΟΣ ΕΧΕΙ, ΕΣΥ;» and the letter A in a circle); slogans were spayed on the marble stairs by anarchists/ anti-authoritarians. Additionally, three Greek flags and three flags with the double-headed byzantine eagle that were hoisted in front of the church were taken down and destroyed
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed by the Church. Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	32.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Agrinio
Date	January 30,2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	33.
Place	Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Kato Lavdani, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	End of January, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance and collection box were broken into; money and a cross were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	34.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Ktismata, Pogonio, Ioannina

Date	End of January, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance and collection box were broken into; money, a reliquary and a cross were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	35.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Psilokastro, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	End of January, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance and collection box were broken into; a door of the Holy Bema was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	36.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Vrastova, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	January 2017
Brief description	Main entrance and collection box were broken into; a golden-embroidered Epitaph was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	37.
Place	Holy Cross Church, Lofiskos, Thessaloniki
Date	January 2017
Brief description	Chalice set was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	38.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagias Eleftherotrias), Municipality of Minoa, Pediada, Heraklion
Date	January 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; there was no theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the Police



N°	39.
Place	New Cemetery, Mezurlo, Larissa
Date	January 31 – February 1, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and an amount of money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	40.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Monolofos, Oreokastro, Thessaloniki
Date	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Clerical vestments and oils were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	41.
Place	Chapel of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triados) Kalogerostani, Ypati, Fthiotis
Date	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Entrance door was destroyed, censer and propane gas bottle were stolen and two holes were dug inside the church
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	42.
Place	Chapel of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Ilia), Ypati, Fthiotis
Date	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Lock was broken into; a small bell was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	43.
Place	Chapel of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Achlada, Heraklion, Crete
Date	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into, money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N <sup>o</sup>	44.
Place	Chapel of Saint Nektarios (Aghiou Nektariou) of the Church of Saint Panteleimon (Aghiou Panteleimonos), Ilissos, Athens
Date	February 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with insulting slogans («ΜΚΟ: ΠΑΤΙΣΤΕΣ, ΜΠΑΤΣΟΙ, ΑΝΘΡΩΠΙΣΤΕΣ: 3 σε 1») sprayed on the wall of the “NGO Apostoli” building
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the Police

N <sup>o</sup>	45.
Place	Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Polyanthos, Rodopi
Date	Between January 23 and February 2, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators entered the Church and stole the central chandelier worth approximately €5,000
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N <sup>o</sup>	46.
Place	Monastery of Saint Stephen (Aghiou Stefanou), Kalambaka, Trikala
Date	February 2, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators flew in paragliding in the archeological site of Meteora and in particular very close and above the Church of Saint Stephen disturbing the monks’ monastic life, infringing the provisions of article 1(4) <sup>42</sup> and 2(2) <sup>43</sup> of Law 2351/95 “Recognition of Meteora as a sacred area and other provisions”
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N <sup>o</sup>	47.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary

<sup>42</sup> “In this area any land use, or occupancy or exercise of professional activity that may disrupt in any way the sacred nature of the area or impede the monastic life of the monks or the worship of God are prohibited”.

<sup>43</sup> “Without prejudice to Article 1(4) of this Law the exercise of professional activity, or camping, overnight stay, artistic performances or events, as well as practicing or shows of paragliding are subjects to restrictions with regard to their type, place, time and duration in order to ensure that monastic life and worship of God are unimpeded. These restrictions shall be set out by Presidential Decree which shall be issued following a proposal by the Minister of Culture and an opinion by the Assembly of the Holy Monasteries of Meteora and an opinion by the prefectural council”.

	(Koimiseos Theotokou), Karditsa
Date	February 2, 2017
Brief description	Windowpane was broken with the use of an iron rod with the intention to steal
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested by police officers of the DI.AS. squad (motorcycle police force). He was released by an oral order issued by the Public Prosecutor of Karditsa. The procedural documents were submitted to the competent authorities

N°	48.
Place	Church of Sts. George and Nektarios, Monolofos Lagada, Thessaloniki
Date	February 2, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators broke into the window and entered the church
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	49.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Xirovalto, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	February 3/4, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; two candlesticks, a golden-embroidered Epitaph, and an icon of 1880 were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents against persons unknown were filed

N°	50.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Kalamitsi, Lefkas
Date	Between February 1 and 4, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and approximately €150 was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were drawn up

N°	51. (See also N° 52, 58-61 and 65)
Place	Chapel of Saint Athanasios (Aghiou Athanasiou), Polystafylo, Preveza
Date	February 4, 2017

Brief description	Window was broken into, no theft occurred
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested, procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	52. (See also N° 51, 58-61 and 65)
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Polystafylo, Preveza
Date	February 4, 2017
Brief description	Entrance door was broken into; €100 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested, procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	53.
Place	Church of Saint Spyridon (Aghiou Spyridonos), Myron, Kileler
Date	February 4/5, 2017
Brief description	€200 was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	Press Release by the Hellenic Police

N°	54.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Sofo, Kileler
Date	February 4/5, 2017
Brief description	€50 was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	Press Release by the Hellenic Police

N°	55.
Place	Church of Saint Elpida (Aghias Elpidas), Achlia, Mytilene
Date	Between January 30 and February 5, 2017
Brief description	Damage was caused
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified

Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
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N°	56.
Place	Chapel of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Pouria, Moria, Lesvos
Date	Between January 30 and February 5, 2017
Brief description	Damage was caused
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	57.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi (Aghias Paraskevis), Orino, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	Between February 2 and 5, 2017
Brief description	A window was broken into; two wooden icons were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents against persons unknown were filed

N°	58. (See also N° 51, 52, 59-61 and 65)
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Gorgomilos, Preveza
Date	February 5/6, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators broke into the church and stole a small amount of money
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested, procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	59. (See also N° 51, 52, 58, 60, 61 and 65)
Place	Church of Saint Vasilios (Aghiou Vasiliou), Kamarina, Preveza
Date	February 6, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators broke into the church and stole €50
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested, procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	60. (See also N° 51, 52, 58, 59, 61 and 65)
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Dryofito, Preveza
Date	February 6, 2017

Brief description	Perpetrators attempted to break into the church and caused damage to the main entrance of the Church
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested, procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	61. (See also N° 51, 52, 58, 59, 60 and 65)
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Panagia, Preveza
Date	February 7/8, 2017
Brief description	The amount of €200 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested, procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	62. (See also N° 63, 64 and 75)
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Vamvakofito, Serres
Date	Between February 5 and 11, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Four Bulgarian nationals
Police/Procedural action	See N° 75

N°	63. (See also N° 62, 64 and 75)
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Vamvakofito, Serres
Date	Between February 5 and 11, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Four Bulgarian nationals
Police/Procedural action	See N° 75

N°	64. (See also N° 62, 63 and 75)
Place	Church of Saint Athanasios (Aghiou Athanasiou), Kastanochori, Serres
Date	Between February 5 and 11, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Four Bulgarian nationals
Police/Procedural action	See N° 75

N°	65. (See also N° 51, 52, 58-61)
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Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas) Soumesi, Rodavgi, Arta
Date	February 11, 2017
Brief description	The church was broken into and two drums of electrical cable were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested, procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	66.
Place	Church of Saint Matthew (Aghiou Mattheou), Heraklion, Crete
Date	February 11, 2017
Brief description	An empty, wooden ossuary was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	The suspect was identified and the ossuary was found. The procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	67.
Place	Church in Heraklion, Crete
Date	February 11, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested in accordance with the procedure for offenders caught in the act and were referred to the Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	68.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Ano Pteria, Kastoria
Date	February 12, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and an amount of money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	69.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas), Nikasi, Karystos, Evia

Date	Between February 3 and 13, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of damage
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	70.
Place	Church of Saint Spyridon (Aghiou Spyridonos), Kontarina, Lefkas
Date	Between February 6 and 13, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and €150 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were drawn up

N°	71.
Place	Church of Saint Paul (Aghiou Pavlou) Athens
Date	February 13, 2017
Brief description	Church window panes were broken
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	72.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas), Kalovrysi, Konitsa, Ioannina
Date	Between February 5 and 15, 2017
Brief description	Two doors were broken into, four icons were stolen, as well as a tabernacle and two carved wooden lions
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents against persons unknown were filed

N°	73.
Place	Monastery of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou) Skaron, Kolyvata Alexandrou, Lefkas
Date	Date of complaint: February 15, 2017 (the date of the incident was declared unknown)
Brief description	A big carved stone and other stones were stolen from the yard of the Monastery
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were drawn up



N°	74.
Place	Cemetery Church of Saint John Chrysostom (Aghiou Ioannou Chrysostomou), Cemetery of Kalivia, Vartholomio, Ileia
Date	February 15, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	75. (See also N° 62-64)
Place	Church of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Iliia), Verghi, Serres
Date	February 16/17, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into church
Perpetrator(s)	Four Bulgarian nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested in accordance with the procedure for offenders caught in the act, were referred to the competent Public Prosecutor and were taken to prison
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	76.
Place	Church of Saint Neilos (Aghiou Neilou) Piraeus
Date	February 18, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	77.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Klidi, Imathia
Date	February 18, 2017
Brief description	A Chalice (from 1890) and two reliquaries (from 1850) were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	78.
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou), Kato Kefalari, Drama
Date	February 18, 2017
Brief description	Votive offerings were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national

Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and sentenced to 8 months in prison
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N°	79.
Place	Church of the Holy Apostles and Saint Seraphim
Date	February 18/19, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated case of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	80.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Lagyna, Thessaloniki
Date	February 19, 2017
Brief description	A window was broken into on the right side of the Church, the Church interior was vandalized, a Madonna icon frame case was destroyed, another Madonna icon as well as vigil lamps were thrown on the ground, the silver carved covering of the Madonna icon was damaged, liturgical utensils were stolen as well as votive offerings (two reliquaries, one blessing cross, two Chalices, a gold-plated discos, votive offerings to the Madonna icon), icons, money from the collection box etc.
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	81. (See also N° 82)
Place	Church of Saint Kyriaki (Aghias Kyriakis), Nikolitsi, Preveza
Date	February 19, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and approximately €20 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested, procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	82. (See also N° 81)
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Preveza
Date	February 20, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and €100 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested; some of the stolen goods were found in his possession and were confiscated as well as a dagger and a burglary object used for thefts. Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>
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N°	83.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Agnanda, Ileia
Date	February 21, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; €100 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	84.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagias Faneromenis), Nea Skioni, Halkidiki
Date	February 22, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	85.
Place	Parish Cemetery of the Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas), Ormylia, Halkidiki
Date	February 23, 2017
Brief description	Christian graves were vandalized (crosses were broken, inscriptions with names of the deceased were smudged, gravestones were damaged)
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	86.
Place	Chapel of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Irakleia, Serres
Date	February 23, 2017
Brief description	Icons and other ecclesiastical items were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested in accordance with the procedure for offenders caught in the act and was referred to the Public Prosecutor. Stolen items were confiscated and returned to owner
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	87.
Place	Chapel of Saint Nektarios, Athens
Date	February 24, 2017
Brief description	An improvised explosive device was placed by the entrance door of the church and when it was activated it broke the glass of the door and stained the wall
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	88.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Anavra, Mandra, Attiki
Date	February 24, 2017
Brief description	Two inox cooking pots were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police against persons unknown

N°	89.
Place	Church of Saint Barbara (Aghias Varvaras), Amalias, Ileia
Date	February 25, 2017
Brief description	Copper pipes of 100 meters length were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	90.
Place	Pilgrimage Church of Saint Panteleimon (Aghiou Panteleimonos), Apolychnos, Heraklion
Date	February 26, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators made an unsuccessful attempt to break into the collection box (locks of the entrance and of the collection box were damaged); the church alarm system was activated
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

Indicative photo  
Source: Holy Provincial Synod  
of the Church of Crete



N°	91.
Place	Church of Saint Athanasios (Aghiou Athanasiou), Ano Palamas, Fthiotis
Date	Between February 17 and 28, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	92.
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou) Lechaina, Ileia
Date	Between February 20 and 28, 2017
Brief description	The Artos was destroyed and an attempt was made to steal candelabra and the sound mixing console
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	93.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas) Lechaina
Date	Between February 20 and 28, 2017
Brief description	Breaking into, theft of two candelabra
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	94. (See also N° 95)
Place	Church in Veria
Date	February 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; nothing was stolen

Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	95. (See also N° 94)
Place	Church in Veria
Date	February 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	96.
Place	Church in Xanthi
Date	Between December 2014 and February 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Four Greek nationals, minors
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	97. (See also N° 1)
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Petroto Thessaloniki
Date	March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and ecclesiastical items were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	98.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Monolofos, Thessaloniki
Date	March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Clerical vestments and oils were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	99.
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Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Kato Askos, Thessaloniki
Date	March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Entrance was broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N <sup>o</sup>	100.
Place	Holy Pilgrimage of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagias Perpatousas) Heraklion, Lagada
Date	March 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into, damage was caused
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N <sup>o</sup>	101.
Place	Cemetery of Argos Orestiko, Kastoria
Date	March 3, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism, graves were broken, olive oil and vigil lamps were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N <sup>o</sup>	102.
Place	Cemetery Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Kastoria
Date	March 3, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N <sup>o</sup>	103.
Place	Chapel of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Lefkakia, Argolis
Date	March 3, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and two icons from the 18 <sup>th</sup> century were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents against persons unknown were filed

N°	104.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Korakovuni, Heraklion, Crete
Date	March 4, 2017
Brief description	50 metal votive offerings were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	105.
Place	Cemetery at Schisto, Perama, Attica
Date	March 4, 2017
Brief description	Vigil lamps were stolen from graves
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	106.
Place	Cemetery Church of Saint John the Baptist (Aghiou Ioannou Prodromou), Komotini
Date	March 5/6, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance was broken into with a crowbar, collection box was broken into and €20 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were drawn up, preliminary investigation

N°	107.
Place	Cemetery Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Komotini
Date	March 5/6, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance was broken into with a crowbar, collection box was broken into and €30 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were drawn up, preliminary investigation

N°	108.
Place	Cemetery Church of Saint Christopher (Aghiou Christoforou), Orestias
Date	March 7, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national



Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
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N°	109.
Place	Church in Katerini
Date	March 7, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into church
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	110.
Place	Chapel of Sts. Anargyroi (Aghion Anargyron), Patra
Date	March 8, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into collection box, a metal votive offering was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Court of First Instance

N°	111.
Place	Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Trimartyri), Chania
Date	March 8, 2017
Brief description	A laptop was stolen from the office of the priest
Perpetrator(s)	A Georgian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Court of First Instance
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	112.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagias Marariotissis) Halandri
Date	March 9, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism and desecration with slogans against Christians and anarchist symbols
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	113.
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou), Holy Metropolitanate of

	Demetrias and Almyros
Date	March 9, 2017
Brief description	Church lights were damaged
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	114.
Place	Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Petralona, Messinia
Date	March 9, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken into and six pieces of copper downspouts were stolen (€300 worth)
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	115.
Place	Church of Saint Athanassios (Aghiou Athanassiou), Toihio, Kastoria
Date	March 10, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism in the yard; an icon stand, vigil lamps and icons were destroyed and burned, wooden tables were destroyed, all containers (with oil, wine, water) were emptied out on the floor
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	116.
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Platanakia, Serres
Date	March 10, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	117. (See also N° 118)
Place	Church in Andromachi, Pieria
Date	March 10, 2017
Brief description	Break-in
Perpetrator(s)	Three Greek nationals (two men and a woman)
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	118. (See also N° 117)
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Place	Church in Andromachi, Pieria
Date	March 10, 2017
Brief description	Break-in
Perpetrator(s)	Three Greek nationals (two men and a woman)
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	119.
Place	Church of the Presentation of the Lord (Ypapantis tou Kyriou), Piraeus
Date	March 11, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into church
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	120.
Place	Church of Saint Paul the Apostle (Aghiou Apostolou Pavlou), Sismoplikta, Ioannina
Date	March 12, 2017
Brief description	Collection box and alms box were broken into, 50-60 votive offerings were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	121.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi (Aghias Paraskevis), Korivos Piniou, Ileia
Date	March 13, 2017
Brief description	Cases of theft and break-in
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	122.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas), Mavra Piniou
Date	March 13, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	123.
Place	Chapel of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Ilia), Agrosikia, Pella
Date	Between December 2016 and March 2017

Brief description	Perpetrators dug a four-meter long tunnel on the foundation of the church and conducted illegal excavation
Perpetrator(s)	Six Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor for infringement of Law 3028/2002 "On protection of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage in general" and Law 2168/93 "Regulation of matters regarding guns, ammunition, explosives and other provisions"

N°	124. (See also N° 159 and 160)
Place	Chapel of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Pezoula, Kalymnos
Date	Between March 12 and 14, 2017
Brief description	Break-in and theft of icons
Perpetrator(s)	One Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	125.
Place	Parish Church of Sts. Constantine and Eleni (Aghiou Constantinou kai Elenis), Nea Chora, Chania
Date	March 14, 2017
Brief description	A window pane of the parish Cultural Center was broken
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	126.
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Alimos
Date	March 14, 2017
Brief description	The alms box containing €300 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	127.
Place	Church of Taxiarchae – Archangels (Pammegiston Taxiarchon), Fanari, Kilkis
Date	March 17, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and ecclesiastical items were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the Police against persons unknown

N°	128.
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Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Drosato, Kilkis
Date	March 19, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken into; €100 and ecclesiastical items were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	129.
Place	Church of Saint John the Baptist (Aghiou Ioannou Prodromou), Amaranta, Kilkis
Date	March 19, 2017
Brief description	€150 and a Chalice set were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	130.
Place	Chapel of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Ilia), Konteika, Samos
Date	Between December 23, 2016 and March 20, 2017
Brief description	Two candelabra worth €600 were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	131.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Halepa, Chania
Date	Between March 18, 2016 and March 20, 2017
Brief description	Votive offerings were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Georgian national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	132.
Place	Cemetery in Preveza
Date	March 21, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	133.
Place	Church of Saint Dimitrios (Aghiou Dimitriou), Aghia Mavra, Ilea
Date	March 21, 2017

Brief description	Church was broken into and €60 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	134.
Place	Church of Saint Marc (Aghiou Marcou Evgenikou), Drama
Date	March 23, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft within the church property
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	135.
Place	Church of Saint Spyridon (Aghiou Spyridonos), Neohoropoulo, Ioannina
Date	March 24, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	136.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Elliniko, Kilkis
Date	March 24/25, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken into, ecclesiastical items were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	137.
Place	Church of Saint Athanasios (Aghiou Athanasiou), Isoma, Kilkis
Date	March 24/25, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, ecclesiastical items worth €400 were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	138.
Place	Church of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Ili), Rizania, Kilkis
Date	March 24/25, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken into, a Chalice set was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	139.
Place	Church of the Presentation of the Lord (Ypapantis tou Kyriou), Theodosia, Kilkis
Date	March 24/25, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken into, ecclesiastical items were stolen as well as €700
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	140.
Place	Chapel of Saint Dimitrios (Aghiou Dimitriou), Komara, Orestias, Evros
Date	Between March 12 and 25, 2017
Brief description	Three liturgical items (exapteriga) were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	141.
Place	Church of Saint Dimitrios (Aghiou Dimitriou), Nafpaktos
Date	March 25, 2017
Brief description	Theft and damage
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	142.
Place	Church of Sts. Anargyroi (Aghion Anargyron), Amfithea, Ioannina
Date	March 26, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	143.
Place	Church of the Holy Apostles Peter and Paul, Vyroneia, Serres
Date	March 27, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	144.
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Nea Kalindia, Lagadas

Date	March 28/29, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	145.
Place	Church of Saint Charalambos (Aghiou Charalambous), Thessaloniki
Date	March 28/29, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	146.
Place	Cemetery of Krini, Trikala
Date	March 29, 2017
Brief description	Theft and damage on graves
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents against persons unknown were filed

N°	147.
Place	Cemetery of Ihalia, Trikala
Date	March 29, 2017
Brief description	Theft and damage on graves
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents against persons unknown were filed

N°	148.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Samari, Pella
Date	March 30, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	149.
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou), Igoumenitsa
Date	March 30, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was stolen and damage was caused
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national



Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor. The stolen money was confiscated and returned to the parish priest.
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	150.
Place	Municipal cemetery of Kamatero, Attica
Date	March 30/31, 2017
Brief description	Theft of items from graves
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	151-154. (4 incidents) (See also N° 155 and 167)
Place	Churches in Evros
Date	Between October 2016 and March 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	One Bulgarian national and three Greek nationals

N°	155-157. (3 incidents) (See also N° 155 and 157)
Place	Chapels in Evros
Date	Between October 2016 and March 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	One Bulgarian national and three Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	158.
Place	Church of Saint John (Aghiou Ioannou), Kos
Date	March 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, ecclesiastical items were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	159. (See also N° 124 and 160)
Place	Church of Saint Stephen (Aghiou Stefanou), Kalymnos
Date	March 2017
Brief description	Icons were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	160. (See also N° 124 and 159)
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Place	Chapel of Saint Savvas (Aghiou Savva), Vothini, Kalymnos
Date	March 2017
Brief description	Icons were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	One Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	161.
Place	Monastery of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Kavasila, Ileia
Date	April 2, 2017
Brief description	A group of people holding banners entered the monastery, broke lamps and marbles and the yard of the Monastery
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	162.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Argirochori, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	April 2/3, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and an Epitaph embroidery was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint against persons unknown was filed

N°	163.
Place	Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Agrinio
Date	April 4, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	164.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Katouna, Lefkas
Date	April 4, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, €600 was stolen and €350 worth of damage was caused
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	165. (See also N° 166)
Place	Municipal Cemetery of Kokkino, Orhomenos, Viotia

Date	Between April 4 and 6, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of damage, insult to the memory of the dead, aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	166. (See also N° 165)
Place	Municipal Cemetery of Kastro, Orhomenos, Viotia
Date	Between April 4 and 6, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of damage, insult to the memory of the dead, aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	167.
Place	Church of Saint Tryphon (Aghiou Tryphonos), Vassiliki, Ioannina
Date	April 6, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and money was stolen as well as two votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	168.
Place	Chapel of Saint Marina (Aghias Marinas), Ammoudia, Serres
Date	April 6-7, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	169.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Kilkis
Date	April 7, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken into, votive offerings over €30,000 worth were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	170.
Place	Church of Sts. Constantine and Eleni (Aghiou Constantinou kai Elenis), Kato Konitsa
Date	April 10/11, 2017

Brief description	Collection box was broken into, money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary Investigation

N°	171. (See also N° 176)
Place	Cemetery of the Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Begoulaki, Patra
Date	April 11, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were drawn up

N°	172.
Place	Monastery, Xanthi
Date	April 11, 2017
Brief description	€50 was stolen from a box in the Church of the Monastery
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	173. (See also N° 209)
Place	Monastery of Saint Eleousa, Fragouleika, Municipality of Iera Polis (Sacred City) of Messolonghi
Date	April 12, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	174.
Place	Cemetery, Corinth
Date	April 12, 2017
Brief description	Three icons were stolen from graves
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	175.
Place	Chapel of Saint Nektarios, Parish of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou) Didymoteicho
Date	April 13, 2017

Brief description	Main entrance destroyed and built-in collection box was demolished
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	176. (See also N° 171)
Place	Cemetery of the Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Begoulaki, Patra
Date	April 14, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were drawn up

N°	177.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou) Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	Between April 10 and 15, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance and collection box were broken into; a golden-embroidered Epitaph and eleven icons from the 19 <sup>th</sup> century were stolen from the iconostasis
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint against persons unknown was filed

N°	178.
Place	Church of Saint Athanassios (Aghiou Athanassiou), Chryssodouli, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	Between April 10 and 15, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and an Epitaph embroidery was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	179.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagias Myrtidiotissas), Mandra, Karaouli
Date	Between April 4 and 17, 2017
Brief description	A window pane of the side door was broken; a tool box and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	An Albanian national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	180.
Place	2 <sup>nd</sup> Cemetery of Kropia, Prari, Kropia
Date	April 17, 2017

Brief description	A grave was damaged
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	181.
Place	Chapel of Saint Gerasimos church (Aghiou Gerasimou), Pier Dymaion, Patra
Date	April 17, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into church
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were drawn up

N°	182.
Place	Chapel, Katerini
Date	April 18, 2017
Brief description	Theft of money
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested in accordance with the procedure for offenders caught in the act and was referred to the Public Prosecutor. Stolen money was returned to the priest
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	183. (See also N° 210)
Place	Chapel of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas), Lefki, Kastoria
Date	Between April 15 and 20, 2017
Brief description	Theft of all movable church property (iconostasis, ecclesiastical items, Gospel, icons, collection box, tables, chairs, etc.)
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	184.
Place	Vlatadon Monastery, Thessaloniki
Date	April 20, 2017
Brief description	An improvised explosive device was placed in the ventilation unit which got destroyed
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	185.
Place	Chapel of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Iasmos, Rodopi
Date	April 20, 2017

Brief description	Perpetrators broke a side window and tried to enter into the Church. This was perceived by a citizen who immobilized one of the perpetrators and handed him over to the police; the other one run off to an unknown direction
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	One of the suspects was caught in the act and was referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	186.
Place	Chapel of of Saint Panteleimon (Aghiou Panteleimonos) Dourouti, Ioannina
Date	April 22, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	187.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Neochori, Kyllini
Date	April 23, 2017
Brief description	The amount of €70 was stolen as well as loaves of artos
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the Police station of Lechaina

N°	188.
Place	Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Aghia Anna, Evia
Date	April 23, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	189.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Kato Panagia, Kyllini
Date	April 23/24, 2017
Brief description	The lock of the main door was damaged and the window pane was broken; €80 was stolen from a drawer
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint against persons unknown was filed

N°	190.
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou), Stafidokampos, Ileia
Date	April 25, 2017
Brief description	€230 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the Police

N°	191.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Elaiofyto, Messinia
Date	April 25/26, 2017
Brief description	Suspects broke into the Church through the main entrance, part of which they broke, and stole votive offerings of small value
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	192.
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou), Tragano, Ileia
Date	April 23 and 26, 2017
Brief description	Thefts, break-ins
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	193.
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelistrias), Nea Ioania, Volos
Date	April 26, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators broke into the Church through a window that they broke and stole € 130 from the collection box and votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	194.
Place	Church of Sts. Anargyroi (Aghion Anargyron), Volos
Date	April 29, 2017
Brief description	Bema door was broken into, tower bolt was broken; knife and spoon were taken from the bema (sanctuary). Perpetrator got to the third floor of the Church and used those items to break into a wooden drawer from where he



	stole €20; knife and spoon were left there
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	195.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi (Aghias Paraskevis), Kopanos, Naoussa
Date	May 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Break-in, theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	196. (See also N° 280 and 288)
Place	Church, Vathylakkos, Kozani
Date	May 1, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek man and a Czech woman
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were not arrested due to lapse of time; procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	197.
Place	Chapel of Saint Irini, Askites, Rodopi
Date	May 4, 2017
Brief description	An icon of the Crucifixion was stolen after being ripped out of a Crucifix; a bronze candlestick and a bronze candelabrum of 30 kilos of total value € 800 were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	198.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Hamilo, Sapes, Rodopi
Date	May 5/6, 2017
Brief description	Candelabrum of total value € 700, edibles of total value € 80 and one wireless microphone amplifier worth € 400 were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	199.
Place	Chapel of the Ascension of the Lord (Analipseos Sotiros), Edessa
Date	May 7/8, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	200.
Place	Church of Saint Nektarios (Aghiou Nektariou), Parish of Evangelismos, Minos, Peditas, Heraklion
Date	Between May 1 and 8, 2017
Brief description	The storage room of the Church was broken into, sanitary goods and cleaning materials were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents drawn up for theft and aggravated theft against persons unknown were filed

N°	201.
Place	Church of Saint Dimitrios (Aghiou Dimitriou), Psyrri
Date	May 8, 2017
Brief description	Fire
Perpetrator(s)	No data available
Police/Procedural action	No data available

N°	202.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi, Kranoula, Ioannina
Date	May 8, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	203. (See also N° 217 and 224)
Place	Church of Saint Aikaterini, Larisa
Date	May 11/ 12, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	204.
Place	Church of Saint Alexios, Patra
Date	May 12, 2017
Brief description	Fire, explosion and aggravated damage in the yard where there was a Christian book fair
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	205.
Place	Church of Saint Minas, Heraklion, Crete
Date	May 13, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	A Belgian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	206.
Place	Chapel in Katerini
Date	May 13, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	207.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi, Zoodohos, Zitsa Ioannina
Date	May 14, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	208.
Place	Church of Saint Therapon, Mytilene
Date	May 14, 2017
Brief description	Destruction of Greek flags from the decoration of the temple of the Church on the day of the Patron Saint's Feast
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified (two persons)
Police/Procedural action	No data available

N°	209. (See also N° 173)
Place	Monastery of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lesini, Municipality of

	Iera Polis (Sacred City) of Messolonghi
Date	Between January 1 and May 15, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	210. (See also N° 183)
Place	Chapel of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas), Lefki, Kastoria
Date	May 15, 2017
Brief description	Fire set to chapel
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	211.
Place	Chapel of Prophet Eliseus, Monastiraki Square
Date	May 20/21, 2017
Brief description	All ecclesiastical items were stolen, three Gospels and a book of Acts of the Apostles were destroyed; candelabra were stolen as well as vigil lamps and lecterns.
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	212.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Kastanies, Kilkis
Date	May 20/21, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	213.
Place	Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Vafeiohori, Kilkis
Date	May 22, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	214.
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Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Aghios Ioannis, Pyrgos, Ileia
Date	May 22, 2017
Brief description	Break-in
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	215.
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Melissa, Kileler
Date	Between May 25 and 27, 2017
Brief description	€120 was stolen from the collection box as well as votive offerings and a Chalice set
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	216.
Place	Church of Saint Nektarios, Aigio
Date	May 27, 2017
Brief description	Window of the sanctuary was broken into and a silver plated vigil lamp worth € 30 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint against persons unknown was filed

N°	217. (See also N° 8, 203 and 224)
Place	Church of Saint Vissarion, Larisa
Date	May 27/28, 2017
Brief description	Money was stolen from collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	218.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Langada, Konitsa
Date	May 28, 2017
Brief description	Lock and collection box were broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	219.
Place	Chapel of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Langada, Konitsa

Date	May 28, 2017
Brief description	Lock and collection box were broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	220.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Antirrio
Date	May 29, 2017
Brief description	Entrance was broken into and damaged, attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	221.
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou), Mastichari, Kos
Date	May 29, 2017
Brief description	Church and collection box were broken into and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	222.
Place	Church of Saint Charalambos (Aghiou Charalambous), Mavroneri, Kilkis
Date	May 31, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	223.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi (Aghias Paraskevis), Pyrgiotika, Argolis
Date	June 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Window railing was broken into, perpetrators entered the Church and stole a small amount of money from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	224. (See also N° 203 and 217)
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Larisa

Date	June 2, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were caught in the act and were referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	225.
Place	Church of Saint Savvas, Vytineika, Pyrgos, Ileia
Date	June 3, 2017
Brief description	Walls were damaged
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	226.
Place	Cemetery Chapel of Saint Makarios, Xylokaastro, Korinthia
Date	June 5/6, 2017
Brief description	Window pane was broken into and a candelabrum was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	227.
Place	Church of Sts. Constantine and Eleni (Aghiou Constantinou kai Elenis), Pagona, Patras
Date	June 6, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	228.
Place	Church of Saint John the Theologian (Agiou Ioannou Theologou), Ioulis, Kea
Date	June 7, 2017
Brief description	Church entrance door was broken, nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	229.
Place	Chapel of Saint Kyriaki, Metropolitan Cathedral of Chios
Date	June 7, 2017

Brief description	Doors were broken into, money was stolen from collection boxes
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	230.
Place	Church of Saint Eleftherios, Kato Chalandri
Date	June 7, 2017
Brief description	A Greek and a Byzantine flag were stolen from the Church yard
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	231.
Place	Church of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Iliia), Vari
Date	June 7, 2017
Brief description	€200 was stolen from the alms box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	232.
Place	Church of Saint Dimitrios (Aghiou Dimitriou), Klitoria, Achaia
Date	June 7/8, 2017
Brief description	Thefts, break-ins
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	233.
Place	Rizarios Ecclesiastical School, Chalandri
Date	June 11, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of damage (graffiti on the wall around the school)
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals, minors
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were caught in the act and were referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	234.
Place	Second Cemetery of Athens
Date	June 13, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with slogans sprayed on the outer wall and fire set on garbage bags causing fire and polluting sidewalk
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent



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N°	235.
Place	Cemetery Church of Saint Antonios, Athens
Date	June 13, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with slogans sprayed
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	236.
Place	Offices of the Metropolitanate of Neapoli and Stavroupoli, Neapoli, Thessaloniki
Date	June 13, 2017
Brief description	At least four unidentified perpetrators with their faces covered with hoodies broke into the main entrance of the offices of the Metropolitanate and attempted to steal a metallic safe
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	237. (See also N° 238 - 241)
Place	Church of Saint John (Aghiou Ioanni), Voskohori, Kozani
Date	June 14, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national and a Georgian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	238. (See also N° 237 and 239-241)
Place	Church in Levendis, Kozani
Date	June 15, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national and a Georgian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	239. (See also N° 237, 238, 240 and 241)
Place	Church in Ryaki, Kozani
Date	June 15, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national and a Georgian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	240. (See also N° 237- 239 and 241)
Place	Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfosis Sotiros), Akrini, Kozani
Date	June 15, 2017
Brief description	Damage
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national and a Georgian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	241. (See also N° 237- 240)
Place	Church in Kilada, Kozani
Date	June 15, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national and a Georgian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	242.
Place	Chapel of the Church of Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelistrias), Drama
Date	June 15, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into, attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were caught in the act and were referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	243.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Neo Monastiri, Fthiotis
Date	Between June 10 and 17, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft, damage
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	244.
Place	Church of Saint Alexios (Aghiou Alexiou), Livaditsa, Pella
Date	Between June 11 and 17, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance was broken into and ecclesiastical items worth € 1,500 were stolen as well as seven containers of olive oil
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	245.
Place	Municipal Cemetery of Thebes
Date	Between June 17/18, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of damage, insult to the memory of the dead
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	246.
Place	Chapel of Saint Paraskevi, Kagelia, Porto Rafti
Date	June 18/19, 2017
Brief description	Window railing was cut, perpetrators entered the Church and stole ecclesiastical items
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	247.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi, Palaiohora, Halkidiki
Date	June 20, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	248.
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou), Evosmos, Thessaloniki
Date	June 20, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, ecclesiastical items were stolen, two collection boxes were broken into and an amount of money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents against persons unknown were filed

N°	249.
Place	Metropolitan Cathedral of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Alexandroupolis
Date	June 21, 2017
Brief description	The cabling of a marble monument was damaged; the monument in memory of the Russian soldiers killed in the Russo-Turkish war of 1877-1878 was placed in the church yard
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	250.
Place	Chapel in Katerini
Date	June 22, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was caught in the act and was referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	251.
Place	Church of Saint Panteleimon (Aghiou Panteleimonos), Drama
Date	June 23, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators entered the Church by breaking into the side door and stole the silver plate of the discos worth € 400. The window pane of a closet was broken with the aim of stealing ecclesiastical items such as relics, Chalice sets, Gospels etc. The window pane of the sanctuary door was also broken with the aim to escape
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	The suspect was arrested by police officers of the motorcycle police force (DI.AS. squad) of the Police Station of Drama who got called by the alarm system of the church. Procedural documents were drawn up and he was referred to the competent Public Prosecutor.
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	252.
Place	Church in Volos
Date	June 24, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	253.
Place	Cemetery of the Ascension of Jesus, Pylaia, Thessaloniki
Date	June 25, 2017
Brief description	Theft of vigil candle holders from graves and damage caused
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	254.
Place	Chapel of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Monastery of Domokos, Fthiotis
Date	June 26, 2017

Brief description	Breaking in and damage worth € 400
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the Police

N°	255.
Place	Church of Saint Vassilios (Aghiou Vassiliou), Athens
Date	June 27, 2017
Brief description	An explosive device was placed and activated at the main entrance. An explosion was caused which started a fire put out by a resident of the neighborhood. Small damages were caused and pollution of the walls.
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation
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N°	256.
Place	Cemetery of the Ascension of Jesus, Pylaia, Thessaloniki
Date	June 28, 2017
Brief description	Items from graves were stolen and damage caused
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	257.
Place	Chapel of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorphoseos Sotiros), Langadas, Thessaloniki
Date	June, 2017 (Complaint filed on November 13, 2017)
Brief description	Attempt to break into Chapel
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	258-259. (two incidents)
Place	Cemetery of the Ascension of Jesus, Pylaia, Thessaloniki
Date	Between June 27 and July 4, 2017

Brief description	Marbles and vigil candle holders were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	260.
Place	Church of Saint John the Theologian (Agiou Ioannou Theologou), Ioannina
Date	July 6, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	261.
Place	Chapel of Saint George (Agiou Georgiou), Anthi, Serres
Date	July 10, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested in the act and was referred to the Public Prosecutor

N°	262.
Place	Church of Saint Andreas, Priolithos, Kalavryta
Date	Between June 20 and July 11, 2017
Brief description	Thefts, break-ins
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	263.
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Patra
Date	July 11/12, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents drawn up

N°	264.
Place	Church of Saint Panteleimon (Agiou Panteleimonos), Loutra Loutrakiou, Almopia, Pella
Date	July 13, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent

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N°	265.
Place	Chapel, Katerini
Date	July 16, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested in the act and was referred to the Public Prosecutor

N°	266.
Place	Church of Saint Dimitrios (Aghiou Dimitriou Loumbardiari), Filopappou hill
Date	July 20, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and desecrated; ecclesiastical items were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	267. (See also N° 268 and 269)
Place	Church of Saint Athanassios (Aghiou Athanassiou), Makri, Fthiotis
Date	July 20, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft, attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Four Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	268. (See also N° 267 and 269)
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Grammeni, Fthiotis
Date	July 20, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft, attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Four Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	269. (See also N° 267 and 268)
Place	Chapel of Saint Paraskevi, Grammeni, Fthiotis
Date	July 20, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft, attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Four Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	270.
Place	Church of Saint Andreas, Kastro, Preveza
Date	July 22, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, nothing was stolen, vandalism; the Altar was destroyed and so was the Metropolitan throne and certain Icons
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	271.
Place	Church of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Ilia), Myro ,Trifilia
Date	Between July 22 and 23, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; five candelabra weighing 250 kilos were stolen as well as a baptismal font weighing 50 kilos
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	272.
Place	Church of Saint Paul (Aghiou Pavlou), Peristeri, Attica
Date	July 25, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and money was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No data available

N°	273-279. (seven incidents)
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou), Tempi
Date	Between January 1 and July 25, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	280. (See also N° 196 and 288)
Place	Church, Vathylakkos, Kozani
Date	July 26, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek man and a Czech woman
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	281.
Place	Chapel of Saint Paraskevi, Prodromos, Almopia, Pella



Date	July 26, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and €101,80 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals, a man and a woman
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	282.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagias Kosmosotiras), Feres, Evros
Date	July 27, 2017
Brief description	Building stones from the southern part of the stone fence wall were thrown out, a big hole was opened which may cause collapsing of the remaining of the fence as well as breaking and collapsing of the stone step leading to the south-western bell tower
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	283.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Karditsa
Date	July 31, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft of money from collection box
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested in the act and was referred to the Public Prosecutor

N°	284.
Place	Chapel of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Iliia), Kalabaka
Date	July 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators desecrated three icons by burning the painted faces of the saints and sprayed a slogan by the church entrance
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	285.
Place	Chapel of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Kefala, Halikoura, Kos
Date	July 2017
Brief description	Break-in and theft of an ecclesiastical item
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	286.
Place	Church of Michael the Archangel, Giapili, Kos
Date	July 2017
Brief description	Break-in and theft of votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	287.
Place	Chapel of Saint Anastasia (Aghias Anastasias Farmakolytras), Dialogi, Kordelio, Thessaloniki
Date	August 1, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	A Moroccan national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and sentenced by the Court of First Instance

N°	288. (See also N° 196 and 280)
Place	Church, Vathylakkos, Kozani
Date	August 3, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek man and a Czech woman
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	289.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas), Agrinio
Date	August 3, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft and property damage
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	290.
Place	Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Zofria, Ano Liosia
Date	August 5, 2017
Brief description	Break-in and theft of money and votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	291.
Place	Church of Saint Kyriaki, Steni, Evia
Date	August 9/10, 2017

Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	292.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Planitero, Achaia
Date	August 9/10, 2017
Brief description	Thefts, break-ins
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	293.
Place	Church of Saint John the Baptist (Aghiou Ioannou Prodromou), Chalki, Dodecanese
Date	August 9/10, 2017
Brief description	Thefts of votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint against persons unknown was filed

N°	294.
Place	Chapel of Saint Kyrikos, Parish of Saint Aikaterini, Stylida
Date	August 12, 2017
Brief description	A 5 kgs bell was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	295.
Place	Church of Saint Manuel (Aghiou Manouil), Parish of Kaminaki, Lasithi
Date	August 15, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No call was made to the police

N°	296.
Place	Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Metohi, Vlasia, Kalavryta
Date	August 16, 2017
Brief description	Thefts, break-ins
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified

Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation
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N°	297-299. (three incidents) (See also N° 300)
Place	Churches in Paiania and Glyka Nera
Date	Between December 2016 and August 17, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	A Bulgarian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	300. (See also N° 297-299)
Place	Church in Paiania
Date	August 17, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into church
Perpetrator(s)	A Bulgarian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested in the act and was referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	301.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas), Kastani, Konitsa, Ioannina
Date	August 17/18, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance was broken into; a Chalice set of 1895, an icon of 1901 and an amount of money from the collection box were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	302.
Place	Glebe of the Monastery of Sts. Theodores, Kalavryta
Date	Between August 14 and 20, 2017
Brief description	Thefts, break-ins
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	303.
Place	Church of Saint Marina, hotel "Doryssa", Pythagoreio, Samos
Date	August 20, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrator broke into the Church through an unsecured door and stole € 309.60 from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	An Afghan national temporarily residing in the Reception and Identification Centre of Samos
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public

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N°	304.
Place	Chapel of the Ascension of Jesus (glebe of the historical Monastery of Sts. Theodores), local community of Anastasi Aroania, Kalvryta
Date	Between August 14 and 20, 2017
Brief description	Break-in through an unsecured door and theft of a chandelier worth approximately € 400
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint against persons unknown was filed

N°	305.
Place	Chapel of Saint Irene (Aghias Irinis Chrysovalantou), Lagadi, Ano Moulia, Gortyna, Heraklion
Date	August 22/23, 2017
Brief description	Bell was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents for theft against persons unknown was filed

N°	306. (See also N° 307,308 and 311)
Place	Church, Polyneri, Grevena
Date	August 25/26, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	307. (See also N° 306,308 and 311)
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Panorama, Grevena
Date	August 25/26, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	308. (See also N° 306,307 and 311)
Place	Church of Saint Achilles (Aghiou Achilleiou), Kokkinia, Grevena
Date	August 25/26, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national

Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
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N°	309.
Place	Church of Saint Anastasia (Aghias Anastasias), Thessaloniki
Date	August 26, 2017
Brief description	Marble window was broken into and a cotton swabstick was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	310.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Kambochori, Kilkis
Date	August 26/27, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	311. (See also N° 306-308)
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi, Smixi, Grevena
Date	August 27, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	312.
Place	Church, Efkarpia, Thessaloniki
Date	August 29, 2017
Brief description	Cemetery employee responsible for digging graves stole crosses and vigil candle holders from graves
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested in the act and was referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	313.
Place	Church of Saint Irene (Aghias Irinis), Milatos, Lasithi
Date	August 29, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and a small quantity of olive oil was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	314.
Place	Chapel of Saint Fokas, Parish Pammegiston Taxiarchon, Parikia, Paros
Date	August 2017
Brief description	Money was stolen from collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the Police

N°	315.
Place	Cemetery Church of the Parish of Pammegiston Taxiarchon, Parikia, Paros
Date	August 2017
Brief description	Money was stolen from collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the Police

N°	316.
Place	Church of Saint Athanasios (Aghiou Athanasiou), Heraklion, Langada, Thessaloniki
Date	August 2017
Brief description	The padlock of the collection box was opened by a metal-cutter and € 20 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	317.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Kastro, Megisti (Kastellorizo)
Date	August 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	318.
Place	Church of Saint Isidoros, Kastelli, Minos, Pedias, Heraklion
Date	Summer 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	None

N°	319.
Place	Church of Saint Charalambos (Aghiou Charalambous), Lyttos,

	Minos, Pedias, Heraklion
Date	Summer 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Oral complaint made to the Police

N°	320.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Lyttos, Minos, Pedias, Heraklion
Date	Summer 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Oral complaint made to the Police

N°	321.
Place	Church of Saint Marina (Aghias Marinas), Polythea, Minos, Pedias, Heraklion
Date	Summer 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Complaint filed with the Police

N°	322.
Place	Church of Saint Spyridon, Polythea, Minos, Pedias, Heraklion
Date	Summer 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Complaint filed with the Police

N°	323.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou) Polythea, Minos, Pedias, Heraklion
Date	Summer 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Complaint filed with the Police

N°	324.
Place	Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Metropolitanate of Lagadas, Liti and Rentina
Date	Summer 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into the church; doors and windows damaged



Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	325.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou) Palaia Kotyli, Kastoria
Date	September 1, 2017
Brief description	Altar was vandalized
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Complaint filed with the Police

N°	326.
Place	Church of Saint Barbara (Aghias Varvaras), Avanta, Aisymi, Evros
Date	Between September 1 and 5, 2017
Brief description	Five icons and a frame were thrown on the ground and damaged
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	327.
Place	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cemetery of Athens, Nikaia
Date	September 5, 2017
Brief description	Pressure washer, generator, garden multi tool were stolen from the warehouse
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	328.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi, Vryssi, Didymoteicho
Date	Between August 25 and September 6, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators broke into church through an unsecured window and stole approximately € 1,500 from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	329.
Place	Cemetery Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Karditsa
Date	September 8, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to steal money from the collection box at the entrance of the cemetery
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public

	Prosecutor
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N°	330.
Place	Cemetery of Salamina, Salamina
Date	September 8/9, 2017
Brief description	Theft of items from grave
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	331.
Place	Church of Saint John (Aghiou Ioannou), Bruchas, Lasithi
Date	September 9, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and a small amount of money was stolen from collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	332.
Place	Chapel of Saint Christopher (Aghiou Christoforou), Orestias
Date	September 9, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into; an ecclesiastical item was stolen and approximately € 300 from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	<i>No data available</i>

N°	333.
Place	Chapel in Katerini
Date	September 9, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was caught in the act and was referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	334.
Place	Chapel of Saint Niphon (Aghiou Niphonos), Herovouni, Markopoulo, Attica
Date	Between September 6 and 10, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into with a spare key found in a neighbor house; coins were stolen from the collection box and two gold plated spoons were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	335.
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Place	Church of Saint Athanassios (Aghiou Athanassiou), Spartos, Amfilochia
Date	September 10, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	336.
Place	Chapel of Saint Spyridon (Aghiou Spyridonos), Metropolitan Cathedral of Chios
Date	September 10, 2017
Brief description	Doors were broken into, money was stolen from collection boxes
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	337.
Place	Church of Saint Marina, Mykonos
Date	September 10/11, 2017
Brief description	€ 2,000 was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	338.
Place	Chapel of Saint Kyriaki, Metropolitan Cathedral of Chios
Date	September 13, 2017
Brief description	Doors were broken into, money was stolen from collection boxes
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	339.
Place	Holy Cross Church of the New Cemetery of the parish of Saint George, Kritsa, Lasithi
Date	September 13, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and an electric generator was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	340.
Place	Cemeteries of Stenimachos, Imathia
Date	September 13, 2017
Brief description	Break-in, theft

Perpetrator(s)	Three Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were caught in the act and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	341.
Place	Church of Saint Efstratios, Vourvoulo, Thira
Date	September 13, 2017 (date of publication on the web)
Brief description	A music <a href="#">video</a> of Rick Ross (U.S. artist) was filmed in the church without notification or permit by the Ecclesiastical Council and the Holy Metropolitanate
Perpetrator(s)	The filming crew
Police/Procedural action	Disciplinary inquiry. Procedural documents drawn up for infringement of article 200 of the Penal Code on “Disrupting religious assemblies” and Public Prosecutor ordered preliminary investigation
Remarks	Communiqué of the Metropolitanate of Thira, Amorgos and Islands: “It is with great sadness that we were informed that the Church of Saint Efstratios, Vourvoulos, Thira was used as “setting” for filming a music video. This disgraceful event took place without notification or permit by the Metropolitanate of Thira, Amorgos and Islands. A disciplinary inquiry was ordered on the same day in order to verify the conditions of the event and accountability for the desecration of this holy site”

N°	342.
Place	Church of Taxiarchae (Taxiarchon), Teriahi, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	Between September 8 and 14, 2017
Brief description	Door and windows were broken into, an Epitaph embroidery of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	343.
Place	Church of Saint John the Baptist (Aghiou Ioannou Prodromou), Stavrodromi, Ioannina
Date	Between September 10 and 14, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated case of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	344.
Place	Church of Sts. Theodores, Sofiada, Fthiotis
Date	Between September 12 and 14, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified

Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
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N°	345.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Kerasovo, Konitsa
Date	September 15, 2017
Brief description	Church and collection box were broken into and an Epitaph embroidery was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	346.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Zavroho, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	September 15, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and an Epitaph embroidery was stolen as well as several ecclesiastical items
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	347.
Place	Chapel of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Metropolitan Cathedral of Chios
Date	September 17, 2017
Brief description	Doors were broken into, money was stolen from collection boxes
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	348.
Place	Municipal cemetery of Saint John (Aghiou Ioannou), Chalkis, Evia
Date	September 19, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to competent Public Prosecutor

N°	349. (See also N° 352, 357, 358, 361, 362 and 366)
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi, Melissa, Kozani
Date	September 19/20, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	350.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Theotokou), Helidoni, Orestias
Date	September 22, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance was destroyed and damage was caused
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	351.
Place	Church of Saint Kyriaki, Milea, Zacharo, Ileia
Date	September 22, 2017
Brief description	Thefts and break-ins
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	352. (See also N° 349, 357, 358, 361, 362 and 366)
Place	Church in Alonakia, Kozani
Date	Between September 20 and 23, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	353.
Place	Church of Saint Panteleimon (Aghiou Panteleimonos), Loutro, Sofades, Karditsa
Date	September 23, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and € 300 was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	354.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Kato Lapsista, Zitsa, Ioannina
Date	September 23, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	355.
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Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Kato Lapsista, Zitsa, Ioannina
Date	September 23, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	356.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Neohori, Ioannina
Date	September 24, 2017
Brief description	Theft of money
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	357. (See also N° 349, 352, 358, 361, 362 and 366)
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi, Saint Paraskevi, Eani, Kozani
Date	September 24, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	358. (See also N° 349, 352, 357, 361, 362 and 366)
Place	Church of Saint Dimitrios, Skiti, Kozani
Date	September 24/25, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	359.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Karditsa
Date	September 25, 2017
Brief description	Theft of money from collection box
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was caught in the act and was referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	360.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Kournas, Chania

Date	September 25, 2017
Brief description	Theft of votive offerings and of approximately € 100. The suspect had been hidden into the church and came out of her hiding spot after the end of the Divine Liturgy. She fled in a car owned by her accomplices. She was recorded by the camera surveillance system of a neighbor house
Perpetrator(s)	A woman (Bulgarian national) and two men
Police/Procedural action	Police was called and inspected the area. The parish submitted a suit. The suspects were known by the police. They were arrested later for other infringements. A trial date was set

N°	361. (See also N° 349, 352, 357, 358, 362 and 366)
Place	Church of Saint Charalambos (Aghiou Charalambous), Kozani
Date	September 25, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	362. (See also N° 349, 352, 358, 361, 361 and 366)
Place	Church of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Iliia), Kozani
Date	September 25, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	363.
Place	Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Kilada, Larissa
Date	September 25/26, 2017
Brief description	An icon of 1850 with a metal frame case was stolen as well as the votive offerings placed on it. The icon without the votive offerings was found on September 26 in a field on the provincial road Kilada- Mandra
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	364. (See also N° 365)
Place	Church of Saint Eustathios (Aghiou Efstathiou), Megaplatanos, Pella
Date	September 26, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and money was stolen



Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor. Part of the stolen amount of money was found after one of the accused showed where it was hidden; the money was confiscated and returned to the priest of the church

N°	365. (See also N° 364)
Place	Church of Saint Skepi, Edessa, Pella
Date	September 27, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor. One of the accused showed where the stolen money was hidden; € 1,934.60 was confiscated and returned to a legal representative of the Metropolitanate of Pella and Almopia

N°	366. (See also N° 349, 352, 357, 358, 361 and 362)
Place	Church of Saint Lucas, Kozani
Date	September 29, 2017
Brief description	Thefts
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	367.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Penteli
Date	September 29, 2017
Brief description	Theft of ecclesiastical items
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Solved on November 2017

N°	368.
Place	Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Peristeri, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	Between September 11 and 30, 2017
Brief description	Door was broken into, an Epitaph embroidery was stolen as well as a Chalice set and two reliquaries of the 17 <sup>th</sup> century
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	369.
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Place	Chapel of Saint Anastasia, Zavroho, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	Between September 15 and 30, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance was broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	370.
Place	Chapel of Saint Marina, Zavroho, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	Between September 15 and 30, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance was broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	371.
Place	Cemetery Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Peristeri, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	Between September 15 and 30, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance was broken into and an Epitaph embroidery of the 19 <sup>th</sup> century was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	372.
Place	Chapel of Saint Aikaterini, Kos
Date	September 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, a Chalice set was stolen and the altar was messed up
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	373.
Place	Monastery of Saint John the Baptist (Aghiou Ioannou Prodromou), Stavrodromi, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	September 2017
Brief description	Entrance door was broken into, a reliquary of the 16 <sup>th</sup> century was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	374.
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Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Goumenissa, Kilkis
Date	October 1, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	375.
Place	Skete of Saint Anna, Monastery of Great Lavra, Mount Athos
Date	October 1, 2017
Brief description	Votive offerings and an archiepiscopal encolpion were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Interrogation

N°	376.
Place	Church of Saint Dimitrios (Aghiou Dimitriou), Neraida, Farsala
Date	October 1/2, 2017
Brief description	A bronze baptismal font and two bronze candelabra were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Four Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	377.
Place	Monastery of the Nursing home in Patra
Date	October 2, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents drawn up

N°	378.
Place	Church of Saint Christopher (Aghiou Christoforou), Polyplatanos, Naoussa
Date	October 2, 2017
Brief description	A church bell was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	379.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas) Kalligoni, Lefkas
Date	October 2/3, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents drawn up

N°	380. (See also N° 446)
Place	Chapel of Saint Paisios in the Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou), Drama
Date	October 3, 2017
Brief description	€450 was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Three Greek nationals and a Bulgarian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested in the act and admitted that they had committed the theft
N°	381.
Place	Church of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Ktimeni, Sofades, Karditsa
Date	October 7/8, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and €150 was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	382.
Place	Church of Saint John the Theologian (Agiou Ioannou Theologou), Limnes, Lasithi
Date	October 9, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and olive oil was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	383.
Place	Church of Saint John the Baptist (Aghiou Ioannou Prodromou), Limnes, Lasithi
Date	October 9, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	384.
Place	Church of the Presentation of the Lord (Ypapantis tou Kyriou), Limnes, Lasithi
Date	October 9, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	385.
Place	Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Kassandra, Halkidiki
Date	Between October 6 and 10, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	386.
Place	Church of Saint Antonios (Aghiou Antoniou), Halandri - Vrilissia
Date	October 10, 2017
Brief description	A Holy Chalice and a silver plated reliquary containing Holy Relics were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	387.
Place	Chapel of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Metropolitan Cathedral of Chios
Date	October 10, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and money was stolen from the collection boxes
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	388.
Place	Church of Saint Panteleimon (Aghiou Panteleimonos), Pefki, Attica
Date	October 10, 2017
Brief description	Theft of a silver vigil lamp worth approximately € 800
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national

Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
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N°	389.
Place	Metropolitan Cathedral of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Kalavryta
Date	October 10, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators entered the Church through an unsecured door and stole five ecclesiastical items from the altar
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	390.
Place	Chapel of Saint Aikaterini, Parish of Saint Paraskevi, Lesvos
Date	October 10/11, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into, chapel was vandalized
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	391.
Place	Chapel of Saint Paraskevi, Kagelia, Porto Rafti
Date	October 10/11, 2017
Brief description	Window rail was cut, perpetrators broke into the church and stole the microphones
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	392.
Place	Cemetery of the Resurrection of the Lord, Pylaia, Thessaloniki
Date	October 11, 2017
Brief description	Theft and damage
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	393.
Place	Offices of the Metropolitanate of Thira
Date	October 11, 2017
Brief description	Offices of the Metropolitanate were broken into and € 1,040 was stolen from the alms box
Perpetrator(s)	An Albanian national

Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
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N°	394.
Place	Church, Pronoia, Naflio
Date	October 12, 2017
Brief description	The alms box was broken into and € 40 was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	395.
Place	Church of Saint Panteleimon (Aghiou Panteleimonos), Pefki, Attica
Date	October 12, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, an ecclesiastical item and vigil lamps were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	396.
Place	Chapel of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Ilia), Kardamitsia, Ioannina
Date	October 13, 2017
Brief description	Break-in and theft of a votive offering
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	397.
Place	Chapel of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas), Markopoulo
Date	October 14/15, 2017
Brief description	Window rail was broken into and money was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	398.
Place	Church of Sts. Constantine and Eleni (Aghiou Constantinou kai Elenis), Skisma, Parish of Elounda, Lasithi
Date	October 15, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into collection box

Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	399.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Karditsa
Date	October 15, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	400.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi, Pagonda, Evia
Date	October 16, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	401.
Place	Chapel of Saint Marina, Lygaria, Parish of Achlada, Heraklion, Crete
Date	October 16, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	402.
Place	Chapel of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Mytilene, Lesvos
Date	October 17, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to steal from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	An Afghan national residing in the Reception and Identification Centre of Lesvos and his accomplices: two unidentified Afghans
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	403.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Anixi, Attika
Date	October 17/18, 2017



Brief description	A silver discos was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	404.
Place	1 <sup>st</sup> Cemetery of Alexandroupolis
Date	Between August 17 and October 18, 2017
Brief description	Memorial to the victims who fought in the National Resistance in 1946-1949 was damaged
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	405.
Place	Monastery of Sts. Theodores, Rapsani, Larissa
Date	Between August 31 and October 18, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators entered in the Monastery through an unsecured door and caused damage on the stone floor behind the altar and on the altar which they overturned
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	This is a 17 <sup>th</sup> century A.D. church and has been characterized a Monument by Ministerial Decision B1/Φ32/2624/5729-01-1993 (B' 154)

N°	406.
Place	Metropolitan Cathedral of Saint Demitrios, Kifissia
Date	October 19, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrator restrained and locked the sacristan in a small room and stole a silver hand-made vigil lamp
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	407.
Place	Church of Saint Vasilios (Aghiou Vasiliou), Neokaisaria, Ioannina
Date	October 22, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	408.
Place	Church of Saint Eleftherios, Halandri
Date	October 23, 2017
Brief description	Theft of a vigil lamp € 2,000 worth
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	409.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas) Toumba, Thessaloniki
Date	October 24, 2017
Brief description	Ecclesiastical items were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	410.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Anixi, Attika
Date	October 25, 2017
Brief description	A silver vigil lamp was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	411.
Place	Chapel of Saint Sophia, Children's Hospital, Goudi
Date	October 25, 2017
Brief description	Break-in and theft of an icon and votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	412.
Place	Church of Sts. Constantine and Eleni (Aghiou Constantinou kai Elenis), Moschato
Date	October 25, 2017
Brief description	Window rail was broken into and votive offerings were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified

Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
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N°	413.
Place	Church of Sts. Theodores, Pallini
Date	October 27, 2017
Brief description	A vigil lamp was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	414.
Place	Church of Sts. Constantine and Eleni (Aghiou Constantinou kai Elenis), Prokopi, Evia
Date	October 27, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Two men (Greek nationals) and a woman (Albanian national)
Police/Procedural action	A trial date was set

N°	415.
Place	Wayside shrine, Lepida, Leros
Date	October 28, 2017
Brief description	The wayside shrine was removed and thrown off a cliff and destroyed (€ 300 damage)
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	416.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Ligiades, Ioannina
Date	October 28/29, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and money was stolen; damage caused in the church
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	417.
Place	Chapel of the Holy Apostles, Alimos
Date	October 30, 2017
Brief description	A Chalice set was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified

Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation
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N°	418.
Place	Chapel of Saint Paraskevi, Langadas
Date	End of October 2017
Brief description	€25 was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	419.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Dolo, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	October 2017
Brief description	Door was broken into, a golden-embroidered Epitaph and a cross were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	420.
Place	Church of Saint Dimitrios (Aghiou Dimitriou), Kakolakkos, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	October 2017
Brief description	Door was broken into, three flags (donated by the family of Markos Botsaris) and an icon were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	421.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi, Orino, Pogonio, Ioannina
Date	October 2017
Brief description	Door and windows were broken into, a Gospel and two icons (of 1933) were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	422.
Place	Cemetery Church of Saint John the Baptist (Aghiou Ioannou Prodromou), Kos
Date	October 2017
Brief description	Bronze vigil lamps were stolen from graves
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	423.
Place	Church of Saint John the Theologian (Agiou Ioannou Theologou), Pallini
Date	November 1, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to steal a silver vigil lamp
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	424.
Place	Private church in "Georgila", Pyrgos, Trifylias
Date	November 4, 2017
Brief description	Damage caused in the church
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	425.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Doumena, Kalavryta
Date	November 5, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	426.
Place	Church of the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Evangelismou Theotokou), Piraeus
Date	November 6, 2017
Brief description	Church windows were broken into, votive offerings were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	427.
Place	Church of the Epiphany, Saint John the Baptist (Prodromou) and Saint Anastasia (Farmakolytras) Langadas
Date	November 6, 2017
Brief description	A computer was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	428.
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Place	Private Church of Taxiarchae, Pyrgos, Trifylias
Date	November 8, 2017
Brief description	Icons, frescos and iconostasis were vandalized with paint
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint against persons unknown was filed with the police

N°	429.
Place	Offices of the Metropolitanate of Thira
Date	November 8, 2017
Brief description	The offices of the Metropolitanate were broken into and € 496 was stolen from the safe
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	430.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagias Lykourissis), Skoutera, Agrinio
Date	November 8/9, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	431.
Place	Church of the Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagia Malteza), Thira
Date	November 11, 2017
Brief description	Votive offerings were stolen worth € 7,000
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	432.
Place	Church of Sts. Constantine and Eleni (Aghiou Constantinou kai Elenis), Parish of Kato Gouvon, Heraklion, Crete
Date	November 12, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	433.
Place	Chapel of Saint Paraskevi, Saint Athanasios, Thessaloniki
Date	November 12, 2017
Brief description	Break-in
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	434.
Place	Chapel of Saint Paraskevi, Parish of the Life-Giving Spring, Halkidona, Thessaloniki
Date	November 12, 2017
Brief description	Break-in, theft of six vigil lamps from the iconostasis, of a baptismal font, three candelabra, a censer, a tripod and a bell, of money and oil containers
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint against persons unknown was filed with the police

N°	435.
Place	Church of Saint Dionysius the Areopagite, Kolonaki
Date	November 13/14, 2017
Brief description	Bronze stair railings from both sides of the entrance staircase were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	436.
Place	Chapel of Saint Athanassios, Liti
Date	Between November 15 and 17, 2017
Brief description	The collection box placed outside the church was damaged and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	437.
Place	Cemetery Xanthi
Date	November 18, 2017
Brief description	Several metal items (crosses, vases) were stolen from 200 graves. Damage caused to graves by the perpetrators in their effort to detach these items. In the morning of November 18, 2017 the items were found by a staff member of the Cemetery and they were returned to the owners
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified

Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
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N°	438.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas) Ptolemais
Date	February 18, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	439. (See also N° 440 and 441)
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Piperia, Almopia, Pella
Date	November 19, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for break-in
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to competent Public Prosecutor

N°	440. (See also N° 439 and 441)
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Neohori, Almopia, Pella
Date	November 19, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for break-in
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to competent Public Prosecutor

N°	441. (See also N° 439 and 440)
Place	Church of Saint George, Foustani, Almopia, Pella
Date	November 19, 2017
Brief description	Window pane was broken, attempt for break-in
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested and referred to competent Public Prosecutor

N°	442.
Place	Church of Saint Dimitrios (Aghiou Dimitriou), Lechena, Ileia
Date	November 20, 2017



Brief description	Damage caused
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	443.
Place	Church of Saint Panteleimon (Aghiou Panteleimonos), Halkidona, Thessaloniki
Date	November 21/22, 2017
Brief description	Break-in
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	444.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Helidona, Orestias
Date	November 25, 2017
Brief description	Main entrance was destroyed and damage was caused
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	445.
Place	Private Church of Saint Nektarios, Parish of Milatos, Lasithi
Date	November 25, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and olive oil was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed with the police

N°	446. (See also N° 380)
Place	Chapel of the Three Holy Children at the Fire Service of Drama
Date	November 25, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators entered the unsecured chapel located in the yard of the Fire Service of Drama and stole the collection box which contained approximately €50
Perpetrator(s)	Three Greek nationals and a Bulgarian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested in the act and admitted that they had committed the theft
Remarks	The collection box was found later in the yard of the Regional Unit of Drama

N°	447.
Place	Church of Saint Andreas, Nea Hili, Alexandroupolis
Date	November 25, 2017
Brief description	Collection box theft
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek women
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	448.
Place	Church of Saint Dionysius, Pyrgos
Date	November 26/27, 2017
Brief description	€ 300 was stolen from the collection box and all votive offerings from the icon of the Saint
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	449.
Place	Chapel of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Epano Skala, Mytilene, Lesvos
Date	November 27, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators took down 10 icons and stacked them one on top of the other on a candelabrum and put fire. Neighbors put out the fire before it spread
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	450.
Place	Church of Saint Sophia, Thessaloniki
Date	November 27, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators caused damage with the use of a sledgehammer in an effort to display a note outside the church
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	451.
Place	Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Karterado, Thira
Date	November 29, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators stole a bag from the yard containing goods for donation
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	452.
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Place	Church of Saint Stephen (Aghiou Stefanou), Exohi, Thessaloniki
Date	November 29, 2017
Brief description	Break-in, attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	453.
Place	Church of Sts. Anargyroi (Aghion Anargyron), Lagouta, Monofatsi, Minos, Peditas, Heraklion
Date	November 2017
Brief description	Church and collection box were broken into
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	454.
Place	Church of Saint John (Aghiou Ioannou), Parish of Zenia, Lasithi
Date	November 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	<i>No data available</i>

N°	455.
Place	Church of Saint Aikaterini, Parish Diavaide, Minos, Peditas, Heraklion
Date	November 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, a container with gasoline and some oil were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	456.
Place	Cemetery Church of Sts. Constantine and Eleni (Aghiou Constantinou kai Elenis), Myrtia, Pyrgos, Iteia
Date	December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	A church was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	457.
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Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagias Myrtidiotissas), Alimos
Date	December 1/2, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with slogans on the outer walls of the church
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	458.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Nea Roda, Halkidiki
Date	December 2, 2017
Brief description	Theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	459.
Place	Chapel of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Kalathos, Rhodes
Date	Between November 30 and December 2, 2017
Brief description	Damage caused on the outer wall and in the Sanctuary; nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	460.
Place	Church of Saint Savvas (Aghiou Savva), Votanikos
Date	December 6, 2017
Brief description	A window was broken into and several items were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	461.
Place	Church of the Resurrection of the Lord, Spata, Attica
Date	December 6, 2017
Brief description	A window rail in the basement of the Church was broken into; perpetrators went in but did not steal anything because the alarm system was activated
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	462.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nicolaou), Ermoupoli, Syros
Date	December 6, 2017

Brief description	Vandalism with slogans outside the Church: «ΑΛΛΗΛΕΓΓΥΗ ΣΤΟΥΣ ΚΡΑΤΟΥΜΕΝΟΥΣ ΑΓΩΝΙΣΤΕΣ»
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	463.
Place	Church of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Lavdani, Ioannina
Date	Between December 3 and 9, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated cases of theft and damage
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	464.
Place	Church of Saint Therapon (Aghiou Therapontos), Mytilene, Lesvos
Date	December 9, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	An Algerian national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	465.
Place	Church of Saint Antonios (Aghiou Antoniou), Agrinio
Date	December 9, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	466.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Vrastova, Lavdani, Ioannina
Date	Between December 4 and 10, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated case of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	467.
Place	Chapel of Saint Paraskevi (Aghias Paraskevis), Zahareika,

	Karlovasi, Samos
Date	Between December 8 and 10, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	468.
Place	Chapel of Saint Paraskevi (Aghias Paraskevis), Nea Makri
Date	December 11, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break into the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was arrested and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	469.
Place	Church of Saint Nicholas (Aghiou Nikolaou), Mataraga, Karditsa
Date	December 11/12, 2017
Brief description	Northern window was broken into and €300 was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	470.
Place	Cemetery Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Granitseika, Pyrgos, Ileia
Date	December 13, 2017
Brief description	Crosses were detached from graves
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	471.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triadas), Pashalitsa, Karditsa
Date	December 12/13, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and a microphone amplifier was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	472.
Place	Chapel of Saint Nektarios, Parish of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Didymoteicho
Date	December 15, 2017
Brief description	Main door was broken into and collection box was destroyed
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	473.
Place	Chapel of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Parish of Achlada, Heraklion, Crete
Date	Mid December, 2017
Brief description	Collection box was broken into and money was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	474.
Place	Cemetery Chapel of Saint Vasilios (Aghiou Vasiliou), Vyronas, Attica
Date	December 17, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators broke in by breaking a window pane and stole votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	475.
Place	Cemetery of Lavrio, Neraki, Lavrio
Date	December 17, 2017
Brief description	94 bronze items (vigil lamps and vases) were stolen from graves
Perpetrator(s)	Two Greek nationals (a man and a woman) and a non-Greek
Police/Procedural action	Suspects were arrested in accordance with the procedure for offenders caught in the act and were referred to the Public Prosecutor

N°	476.
Place	Church of Saint Eustathios (Aghiou Efstathiou), Nea Ionia, Attica
Date	December 19, 2017
Brief description	Window was broken into and votive offerings were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national

Police/Procedural action	Police is looking for suspect
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N°	477.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi (Aghias Paraskevis), Zoodochos, Ioannina
Date	December 21/22, 2017
Brief description	Aggravated case of theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	478.
Place	Church of the Dormition of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Koimiseos Theotokou), Sakkos, Orestias
Date	December 23, 2017
Brief description	Break-in
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	479.
Place	Cemetery of Mandra, Idyllia, Mandra
Date	December 24, 2017
Brief description	Theft of items from graves
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	480.
Place	Church of Saint Marina, Ilioupoli
Date	December 27, 2017
Brief description	The nativity scene was vandalized
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	481.
Place	Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary and Jesus, Parish of Pantanassa, Naousa, Paros
Date	December 27, 2017
Brief description	Money was stolen from the collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified



Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police
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N°	482.
Place	Church of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Panagias Glykagalousas), Karterados, Thira
Date	December 27, 2017
Brief description	A Greek and a Byzantine flag were stolen from the yard
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	483.
Place	Cemetery of the Resurrection of the Lord, Pylaia
Date	December 27/28, 2017
Brief description	Parts of a tiller owned by the municipality of Thessaloniki were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	484.
Place	Cemetery of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Parish of Nikithianos, Lasithi
Date	December 30, 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into, nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed with the Police

N°	485.
Place	Chapel of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Koufalia, Thessaloniki
Date	December 30/31, 2017
Brief description	Attempt for theft
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	486.
Place	Church of Saint Athanassios (Aghiou Athanassiou), Neo Herakleion, Attica
Date	Between November 1 and December 31, 2017

Brief description	Ecclesiastical items and the safe were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	487.
Place	Church of the Holy Trinity (Aghias Triados), Parish of Saint Antonios, Lasithi
Date	December 2017
Brief description	Church was broken into and vigil lamp was stolen from the iconostasis
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	488.
Place	Chapel of Saint Vlasios, Marousi, Attica
Date	December 2017
Brief description	Graffiti vandalism
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	489.
Place	Chapel of Saint Fotini, Moria, Lesvos
Date	2017
Brief description	Vandalism
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified residents of the refugee camp in Moria
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	490.
Place	Chapel of the Transfiguration of our Savior (Metamorfoseos Sotiros), Parish of Saint George, Vouna, Chalkis
Date	2017
Brief description	A marble statue was stolen from the bell tower
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	491.
Place	Chapel of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Parish of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary, Limni, Evia
Date	2017

Brief description	Break-in, theft of kitchenware
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed

N°	492-494. (3 incidents)
Place	Church of Saint Paul, Linopoti, Kos
Date	2017
Brief description	A wire for electricity supply was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	495-496. (2 incidents)
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi, Kos
Date	2017
Brief description	Break-in and theft of votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	497.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Pilio, Kos
Date	2017
Brief description	Break-in and theft of votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	498-499. (2 incidents)
Place	Chapel of Saint Panteleimon (Aghiou Panteleimonos), Kos
Date	2017
Brief description	Break-in and theft of votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	500.
Place	Chapel of Saint Anna, Kos
Date	2017
Brief description	Break-in and theft of votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	501.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Ancient Agora, Kos
Date	2017
Brief description	Break-in and damage of entrance and windows
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	502.
Place	Chapel of Saint Eleftherios, Paradisio, Kos
Date	2017
Brief description	Repeated break-ins and thefts of votive offerings
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	A complaint was filed with the police

N°	503.
Place	Chapel of Prophet Elias (Prophiti Ilia) (Kastro), Leros
Date	2017
Brief description	Perpetrators removed icons from walls, threw them on the floor, scattered incense charcoal and defecated on the entrance
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	<i>No data available</i>

N°	504-510. (7 incidents)
Place	Churches in Gerakas, Attica
Date	2017
Brief description	Two robberies and five thefts
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Suspect was caught and referred to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by the Hellenic Police</a>

N°	511.
Place	Chapel of the Life-Giving Spring (Zoodochou Pigis), Aperio, Karpathos
Date	2017
Brief description	Silver vigil lamps were stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	<i>No data available</i>

N°	512.
Place	Church of Saint Paraskevi (Aghias Paraskevis), Platani, Pella
Date	2017
Brief description	Money stolen from collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	513.
Place	Church of Saint George (Aghiou Georgiou), Samari, Pella
Date	2017
Brief description	Money stolen from collection box
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	514-525. (12 incidents at least)
Place	Wayside shrines, Leros
Date	2017
Brief description	Wayside shrines were damaged or destroyed
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	<i>No data available</i>

## d. Addendum

### i. Statistical presentation

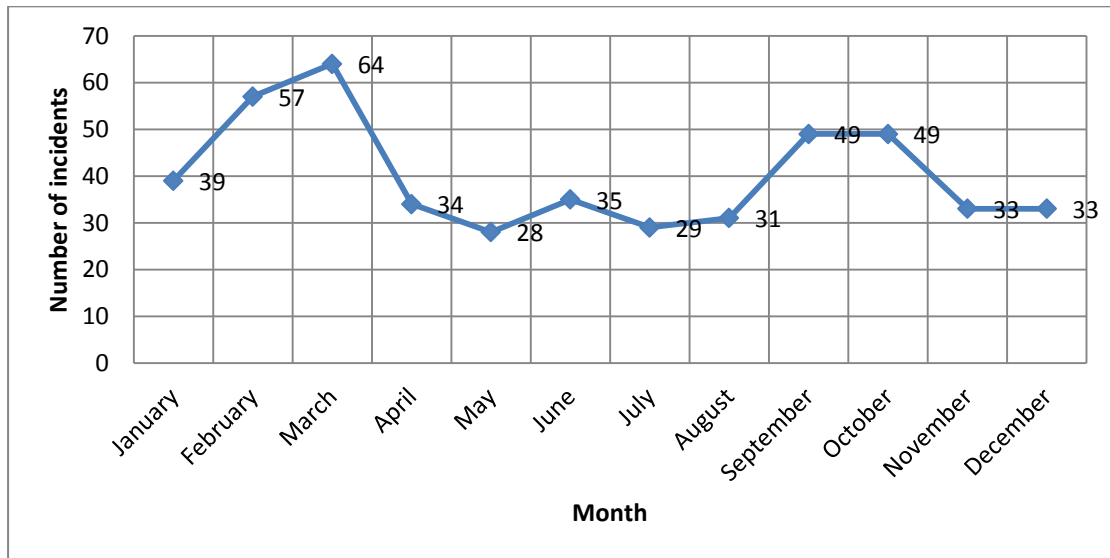


Figure 1: Incidents of years 2017 by month

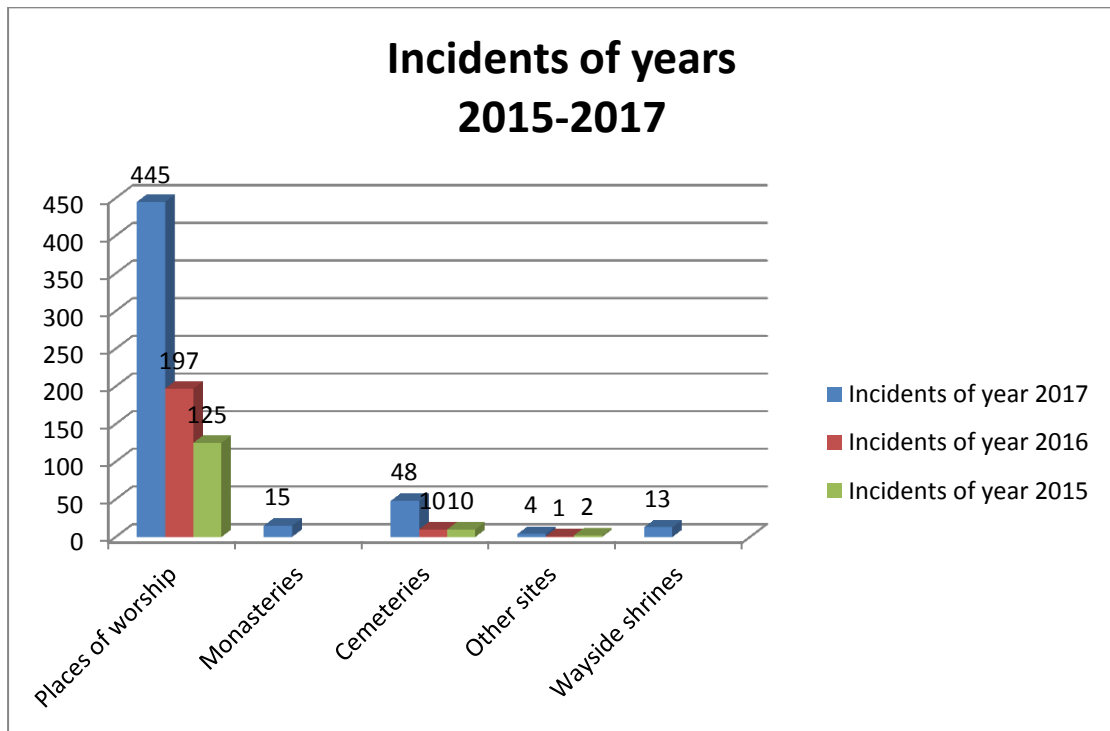


Figure 2: Comparative presentation of incidents of years 2015-2017 by site

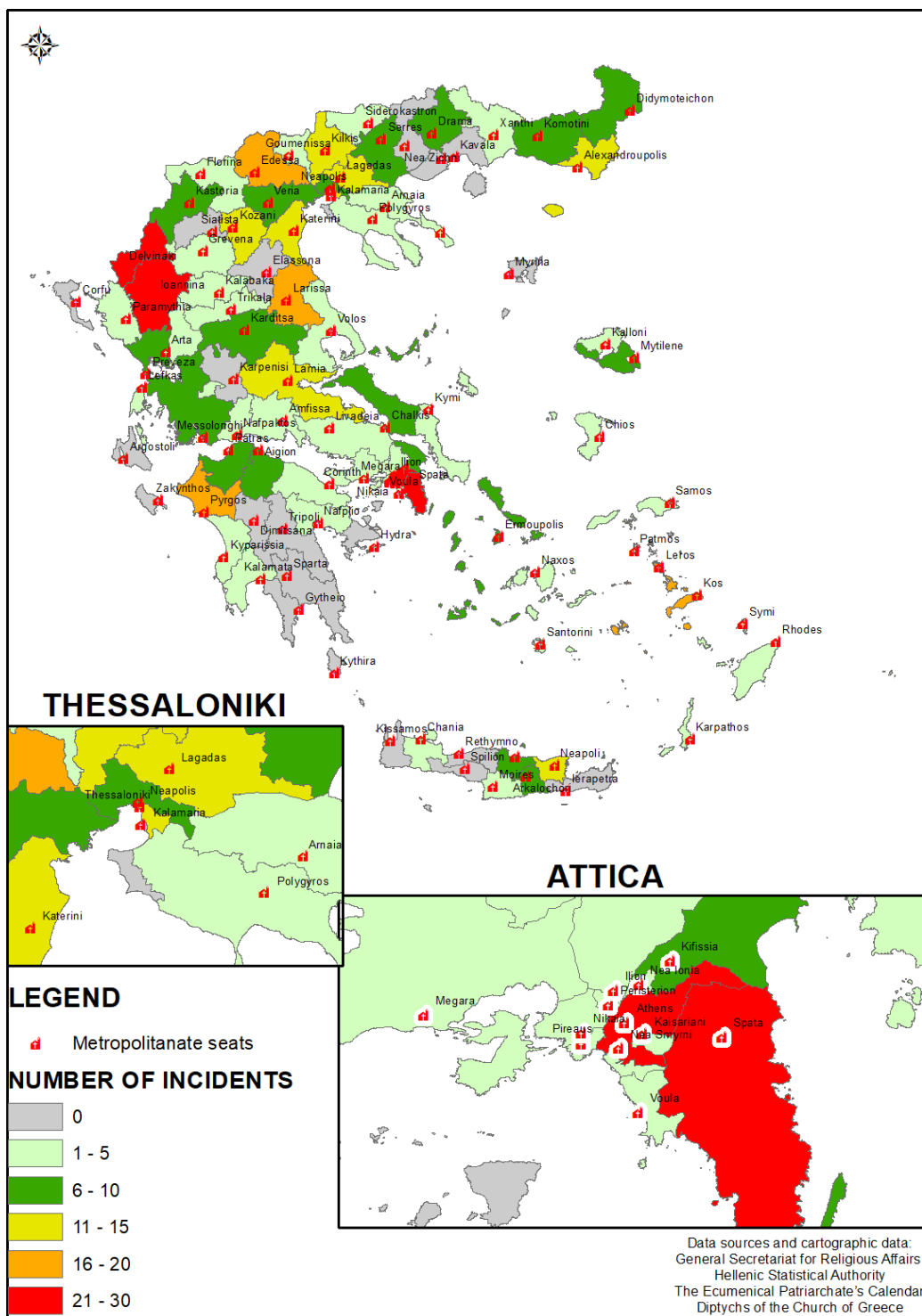
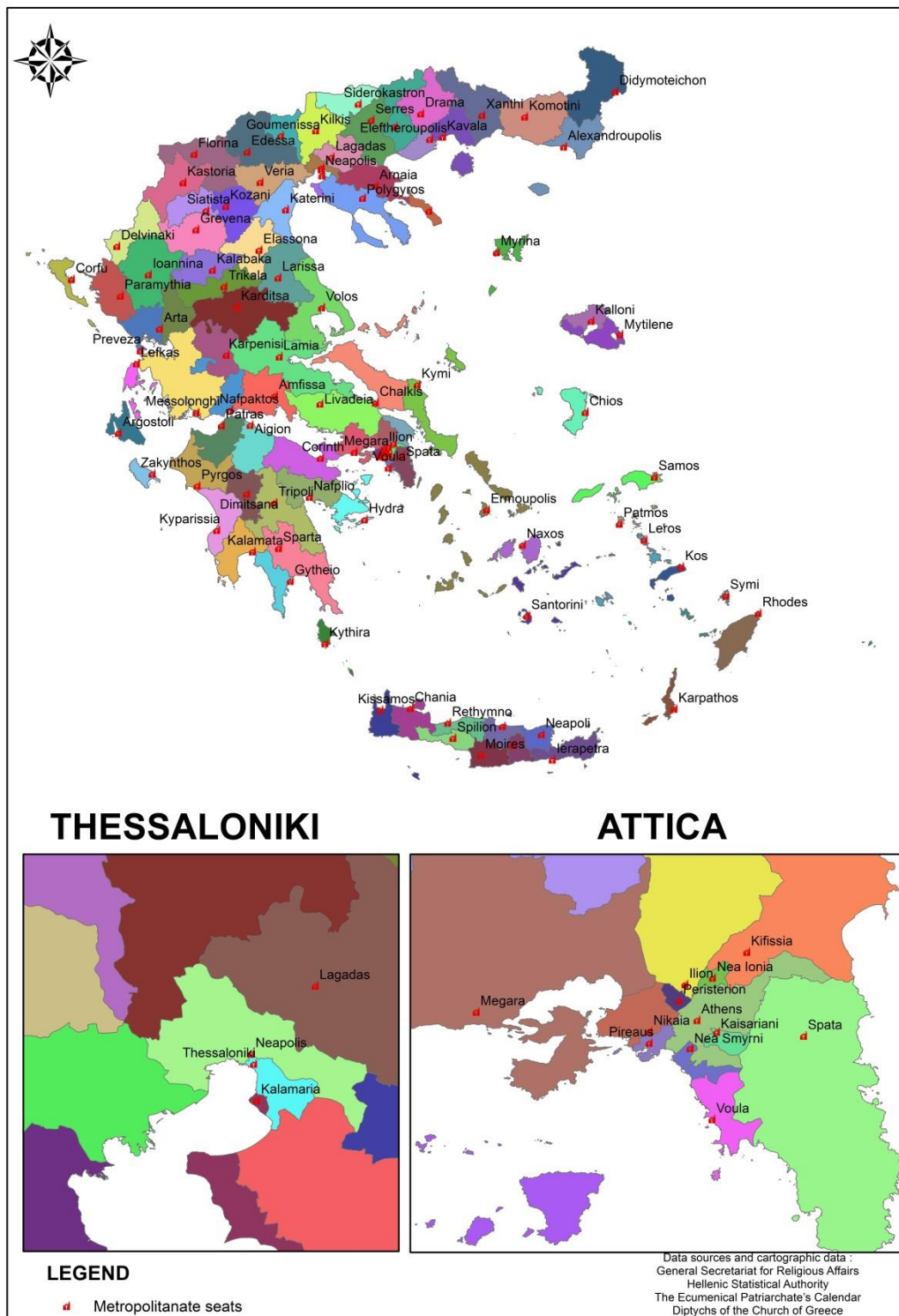


Figure 3: Incidents of 2017 by Holy Metropolitanate

ii. Map of Holy Metropolitanates of the Orthodox Church of Greece





### iii. Numerical Data on the Orthodox Church in Greece

CHURCH OF GREECE (TOTAL: 82 Metropolitanates)		SEAT	N <sup>o</sup> of PARISHES	N <sup>o</sup> of MONASTERIES
1	Holy Archdiocese of Athens	Athens	145	7
2	Aitolia and Acarnania	Messolonghi	215	19
3	Alexandroupolis	Alexandroupolis	61	3
4	Argolis	Nafplion	78	7
5	Arta	Arta	97	4
6	Chalkis	Chalkis	144	12
7	Chios, Psara and Inousses	Chios	109	16
8	Demetrias and Almyros	Volos	142	14
9	Didymoteichon, Orestias and Soufli	Didymoteichon	106	2
10	Drama	Drama	105	3
11	Dryinoupolis, Pogoniani and Konitsa	Delvinaki	96	3
12	Edessa, Pella and Almopia	Edessa	140	8
13	Elassona	Elassona	61	9
14	Eleia and Oleni	Pyrgos	220	4
15	Eleftheroupolis	Eleftheroupolis	39	4
16	Filippoï, Neapolis and Thasos	Kavala	95	4
17	Florina, Prespai and Eordaia	Florina	119	7
18	Fokis	Amfissa	110	5
19	Fthiotis	Lamia	245	18
20	Glyfada, Elliniko, Voula, Vouliagmeni and Vari	Voula	20	1
21	Gortys and Megalopolis	Dimitsana	148	13
22	Goumenissa, Axiopolis and Polykastron	Goumenissa	48	2
23	Grevena	Grevena	97	1
24	Ierissos, Aghion Oros and Ardamerion	Arnaia	52	3
25	Ilion, Acharnai and Petroupolis	Ilion	47	3
26	Ioannina	Ioannina	249	11
27	Kaisariani, Vyron and Ymittos	Kaisariani	9	3
28	Kalavryta and Aigialeia	Aigion	162	14
29	Karpenision	Karpenision	97	3
30	Karystia and Skyros	Kymi	95	5
31	Kassandraia	Polygyros	79	6
32	Kastoria	Kastoria	123	8
33	Kefalinea	Argostoli	153	7
34	Kerkyra, Paxoi and Diapontioi Nisoï	Kerkyra	183	17
35	Kifisia, Amarousio and Oropos	Kifisia	63	11
36	Kitros, Katerini and Platamon	Katerini	82	6

37	Korinthos, Sikion, Zemenon, Tarsos and Polyfengos	Korinthos	164	17
38	Kythira and Antikythira	Chora of Kythira	31	1
39	Lagadas, Liti and Rentina	Lagadas	61	6
40	Larisa and Tyrnavos	Larisa	119	6
41	Lefkas and Ithaki	Lefkas	66	4
42	Lemnos and Aghios Ephstratios	Myrina, Lemnos	37	0
43	Mani	Gytheion	114	5
44	Mantineia and Kynouria	Tripoli	157	13
45	Maroneia and Komotini	Komotini	71	4
46	Megara and Salamis	Megara	32	15
47	Mesogaia and Lavreotiki	Spata	64	8
48	Messinia	Kalamata	224	9
49	Methymna	Kalloni, Lesvos	37	3
50	Monemvasia and Sparta	Sparta	142	7
51	Mytilini, Eressos and Plomarion	Mytilini	72	4
52	Nafpaktos and Aghios Vlasios	Nafpaktos	94	2
53	Nea Ionia, Philadelphia, Heraklion and Chalkidon	Nea Ionia	22	2
54	Nea Krini and Kalamaria	Kalamaria	17	0
55	Nea Smyrni	Nea Smyrni	19	0
56	Neapolis and Stavroupolis	Neapolis	54	3
57	Nikaia	Nikaia	40	1
58	Nikopolis and Preveza	Preveza	131	4
59	Paramythia, Philiata, Geromerion and Parga	Paramythia	150	3
60	Paronaxia	Naxos	44	4
61	Patrai	Patrai	189	9
62	Piraeus	Piraeus	30	1
63	Peristerion	Peristerion	14	1
64	Poliana and Kilkis	Kilkis	120	2
65	Samos, Ikaria and Korsoi	Samos	117	18
66	Serrai and Nigrita	Serrai	118	5
67	Servia and Kozani	Kozani	95	5
68	Siderokastron	Siderokastron	69	7
69	Sisanion and Siatista	Siatista	87	11
70	Stagoi and Meteora	Kalabaka	71	12
71	Syros, Tinos, Andros, Kea and Milos	Ermoupolis	129	13
72	Thera, Amorgos and Nisoi	Thera	33	3
73	Thessaliotis and Fanariofersala	Karditsa	234	14
74	Thessaloniki	Thessaloniki	43	2
75	Thevai and Levadeia	Levadeia	111	23
76	Trikki and Stagoi	Trikala	128	5

77	Triphylia and Olympia	Kyparissia	159	6
78	Veria, Naousa and Kampania	Veria	110	8
79	Xanthi and Peritheorion	Xanthi	86	4
80	Ydra, Spetsai and Aigina	Ydra	52	12
81	Zakynthos and Strophades	Zakynthos	61	4
82	Zichnai and Nevrokopion	Nea Zichni	69	5
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>8.121</b>	<b>554</b>
<b>CHURCH OF CRETE (TOTAL: 9 Metropolitanates)</b>		<b>SEAT</b>	<b>N° of PARISHES</b>	<b>N° of MONASTERIES</b>
1	Holy Archdiocese of Crete	Heraklion	127	9
2	Arkalochori, Kastelli and Viannos	Arkalochori	91	4
3	Gortyna and Arkadia	Moirai	108	6
4	Ierapytni and Sitia	Ierapetra	86	5
5	Kissamos and Selino	Kissamos	80	3
6	Kydonia and Apokoronos	Chania	108	6
7	Lambi, Syvritos and Sfakia	Spili Rethymnis	78	6
8	Petra and Cherronisos	Neapolis	80	11
9	Rethymno and Avlopotamos	Rethymno	101	10
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>859</b>	<b>60</b>
<b>ECCLESIASTICAL PROVINCES OF THE DODECANESE (TOTAL: 5 Metropolitanates &amp; 1 Patriarchal Exarchate)</b>		<b>SEAT</b>	<b>N° of PARISHES</b>	<b>N° of MONASTERIES</b>
1	Karpathos and Kasos	Apereion, Karpathos	20	4
2	Kos and Nisyros	Kos	24	7
3	Leros, Kalymnos and Astypalea	Leros	36	7
4	Rhodes	Rhodes	64	9
5	Symi, Tilos, Chalki and Kastellorizo	Symi	18	5
6	Patriarchal Exarchate of Patmos	Patmos	10	4
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>172</b>	<b>36</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL: 97 (96 Metropolitanates and 1 Patriarchal Exarchate)</b>			<b>9.152</b>	<b>650</b>
			<b>Grand Total of Parish and Monastery Churches : 9.802</b>	

#### iv. Historical religious sites of the Orthodox Church

In Greece a large number of Christian churches of the Byzantine period (330-1453) are preserved dating back to the early Christian period (4<sup>th</sup> -7<sup>th</sup> century a.D.), such as the Panagia Acheiropoietos and the Monastery of Latomou in Thessaloniki, as well as the early Byzantine period (between the mid-7<sup>th</sup> and the mid-9<sup>th</sup> centuries), the middle Byzantine period (between the mid-9<sup>th</sup> century and the Conquest of Constantinople by the crusaders in 1204) and the late byzantine period (1204 to the Fall of Constantinople to the Ottoman Turks in 1453). Notable cultural monuments of Christian churches were built in the post-byzantine period from 1453 to 1830, mainly on Crete (before the Ottoman conquest) and on the Ionian islands which were never conquered by the Ottomans.

A significant number of these churches was registered by the competent Ministry of Culture and Sports and is presented on the website "[Odysseus](#)" where there is information available on 350 [Christian places of worship](#) classified as cultural monuments. Additionally, Mount Athos, Meteora, early Byzantine and Byzantine monuments of Thessaloniki, Monastery of Daphni, Monastery of Osios Loukas, Nea Moni at Chios, Monastery of Saint John the Theologian in Patmos have been listed on UNESCO's World Heritage Sites, and are protected, in accordance with the Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage ratified by Greece in 1981.

Unfortunately, a large number of Byzantine Christian churches and monasteries in Athens were destroyed and looted especially during the period of the Regency (1833-1835) and subsequently during the reign of Otto. Thus, after the publication of the "Declaration on the Independence of the Greek Church" (Royal Decree 23-7/1-8-1833), monasteries (approximately 400) with fewer than six monks<sup>44</sup> were dissolved by a series of decrees and their property was confiscated. Royal Decree 27-5/9-6-1836 (Official Government Gazette of the Hellenic Republic A' 22) stipulates that the property (real estate and movable assets) of the dissolved monasteries shall be divested in order to construct a University; additionally, the ruined churches, even the private ones, including the land, are granted to the municipalities in order to be auctioned and the money raised shall be used for charitable works. This policy which was connected, to a certain extent, with the moving of the State's capital from Nafplio to Athens (Royal Decree 18-30.9.1834, Official Government Gazette A' 36) and the effort to reconstruct it, had devastating consequences on the maintenance of byzantine churches in Athens; most of them were demolished in order for the land to be divested and to the benefit of the urban planning.

The Church of Greece never received compensation for the destruction and the confiscation of churches, monasteries and of their property.

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<sup>44</sup> S. Troiannos, op.cit., § 2.1.4

## 2. Catholic Church in Greece

### a. Introduction

By the **London Protocol (No. 3) of February 3, 1830**, signed by the three Great Powers, France deposited to the hands of the “future Sovereign of Greece” the right to protect the Catholics subjected to the Sultan. The Protocol established that the new State should guarantee the religious freedom of Catholic Christians and recognize the property of the Catholic Church in Greece: “... *the Catholic religion should enjoy in the new State the free and public exercise of its worship, that its property should be guaranteed to it, that its bishops should be maintained in the integrity of the functions, rights and privileges, which they have enjoyed under the protection of the Kings of France...*”.

The Greek Senate by its **Memorandum of April 10, 1830** accepted this concession mentioned in the Protocol (No.3) because it was in accordance with the laws of the new State, but made this conditional upon the acceptance by the “Great Powers” that “*the Greek religion shall be the prevailing religion*” of the Greek independent State. The Greek claims were fully accepted as shown by the interpretive provision of **article 2 of the Protocol (No.33) of the London Conference (July 1, 1830)** “*The privileges granted to Catholics by the Protocol of February 3, 1830 may not impose to the Greek Government any requirement which could harm the prevailing religion*”.

The Greek Orthodox Church was recognized as prevailing religion in the Ionian Islands according to the “**Constitutional Chart of the United States of the Ionian Islands**” but a special protection was granted to the Catholic Church.

**Article 4 of Law N’ of 1864** “On the ratification of the Treaty between Great Britain, France and Russia on the Union of the Ionian Islands to the Kingdom of Greece” (Official Government Gazette A’ 25) established the following, regarding the position of the Catholic Church in the Ionian Islands: “*The union of the United States of the Ionian Islands to the Kingdom of Greece shall in no wise invalidate the principles established by the existing legislation of those Islands with regard to freedom of worship and religious toleration; accordingly the rights and immunities established in matters of religion by Chapters I and V of the Constitutional Charter of the United States of the Ionian Islands, and specifically the recognition of the Orthodox Greek Church as the dominant religion in those Islands; the entire liberty of worship granted to the established Church of the protecting Power; and the perfect toleration promised to other Christian communions shall, after the union, be maintained in their full force and effect. The special protection guaranteed to the Roman Catholic Church, as well as the advantages of which that church is actually in possession shall be equally maintained; and the subjects belonging to that communion shall enjoy in the Ionian Islands the same freedom of worship which is recognized in their favor by the Protocol of the 22 January (3<sup>rd</sup> February), 1830. The principle of entire civil and political equality between subjects belonging to different creeds, established in Greece by the same protocol, shall be likewise in force in the Ionian Islands.*”

Following the introduction of the Civil Code in 1946, the question which emerged concerning the legal personality of the Catholic Church and of its establishments in Greece, was solved by **article 13 of Law 4301/2014**. According to this, the Catholic Church in Greece is recognized as Ecclesiastical Legal Person governed by Private Law and the religious communities (Dioceses, Parishes, Monasteries) inextricably linked to it are recognized as Religious Legal Persons governed by Private Law and amount to 227 in total. Among those, there are 82 Parishes and 47 Monasteries (see Addendum, Table ii).

Currently, the Catholic Church in Greece has **231 places of worship**.

### b. Incidents

For the year **2017**, **two incidents** have been recorded, as follows:

N°	1.
Place	Church of Saint Andreas, Patras
Date	April 18, 2017
Brief description	Violation of article 181 of the Penal Code “Defamation of the symbols of the Greek State”
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

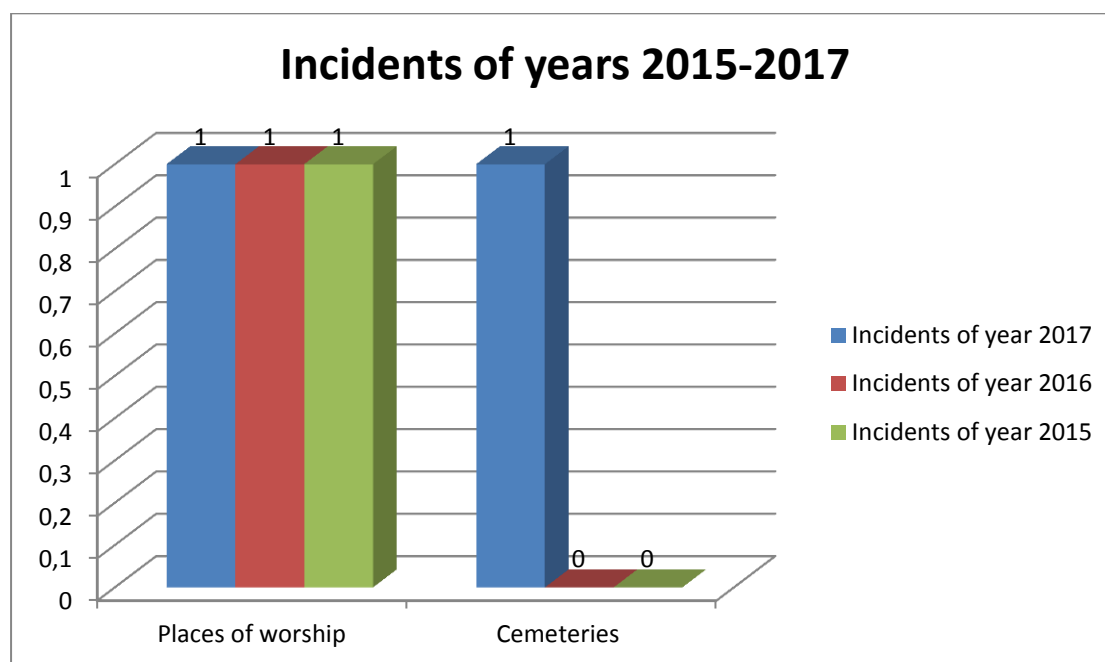
N°	2.
Place	Catholic Cemetery of Chania
Date	November 2017
Brief description	Graves were vandalized
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Incident recorded by the Police
Remarks	<a href="#">Communiqué by the Catholic Diocese of Crete</a>

Indicative photographs by the Press Office of the Catholic Hierarchy in Greece



## c. Addendum

### i. Statistical presentation



**Figure 4: Comparative presentation of incidents of years 2015-2017 by site**

### ii. Number of Parishes and Monasteries of the Catholic Church in Greece

Archdiocese / Diocese	Number of Parishes according to Law 4301/2014	Number of Monasteries according to Law 4301/2014
Catholic Archdiocese of Naxos, Tinos, Andros, Mykonos	28	4
Catholic Archdiocese of Corfu, Zante and Cefalonia	7	5
Catholic Archdiocese of Athens	17	18
Catholic Archdiocese of Rodos	3	3
Catholic Diocese of Syros	15	4
Catholic Diocese of Thira (Santorini)	1	1
Catholic Diocese of Crete	3	2
Catholic Diocese of Chios	1	0
Apostolic Vicariate of Thessalonica	4	8
Exarch of Byzantine Rite	2	2
Ordinariat of Armenian Rite	1	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>47</b>

### iii. Catholic Dioceses in Greece

Source: [website](#) of the Catholic Church in Greece and Press Office of the Bishop's Conference of the Catholic Hierarchy in Greece.



**Catholic Archdiocese of Naxos - Tinos - Andros- Mykonos, Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Tinos*

(central and northern Aegean sea. The islands of Naxos, Paros, Antiparos, Koufonisia, Donousa, Sxoinousa, Amorgos, Tinos, Mykonos, Andros and Delos)

**Catholic Archdiocese of Corfu Zante and Cefalonia, Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Corfu*

(northern Greece, The islands of Corfu, Paxoi, Antipaxoi, Lefkada, Ithaki, Kephallonia, Zakynthos and region of Epirus)

**Catholic Archdiocese of Athens, Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Athens*

(Counties of central Greece and Evia and Skyros, Peloponnisos, the islands of Argosaronikos, Kithera and Antikithera)

**Catholic Archdiocese of Rhodes, Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Rhodes - Apostolic Administrator : Catholic Archbishop of Athens*

(Dodecanese)

**Catholic Diocese of Syros, Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Syros*

The islands of Cyclades: Syros, Gyaros, Kea, Kithnos, Serifos, Sifnos Milos and Kimolos

**Catholic Diocese of Thira (Santorini), Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Thira*

The islands of Thira, Thirasia, Ios, Anafi, Folegandros and Sikinos

**Catholic Diocese of Crete, Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Chania, Crete - Apostolic Administrator: Catholic Bishop of Syros*

**Catholic Diocese of Chios (Lesbos-Samos), Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Chios - Apostolic Administrator: Catholic Archbishop of Naxos - Tinos*

The islands of Chios, Psara, Oinousses, Lesvos, Lemnos, Samos, Ikaria, Fourni

**Apostolic Vicariate of Thessalonica, Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Thessalonica - Apostolic Administrator: Catholic Archbishop of Corfu*

Macedonia, Thraki, Thessalia, the islands of northern Sporades (except Skyros), Thasos, Samothraki

**Exarch of Byzantine Rite, Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Athens*

**Ordinariat of Armenian Rite, Religious Legal Person**

*Seat in Athens*



### 3. Other Christian Religious Communities

By article 13 (5) of Law 4301/2014 the following Ecclesiastical or Religious Legal Persons governed by private law were recognized:

1. Anglican Church as Religious Legal Person located in Athens.
2. Ethiopian Orthodox Church as Religious Legal Person located in Athens.
3. Coptic Orthodox Church as Ecclesiastical Legal person located in Acharnes, Attica with 2 Religious Legal Persons.
4. Armenian Orthodox Church as Ecclesiastical Legal Person located in Athens with 9 Religious Legal Persons.
5. German Evangelical Church as Religious Legal Person located in Athens.
6. Greek Evangelical Church as Ecclesiastical Legal Person located in Athens with 8 Religious Legal Persons.
7. Assyrian Orthodox Church as Religious Legal Person located in Aigaleo, Attica.
8. Armenian Evangelical Church in Greece as Religious Legal Person located in Piraeus.

In addition to the above Christian communities which are recognized as legal persons ex lege, the following entities have acquired the status of Religious Legal Person by the issuing of the relevant judgment following the publication of Law 4301/2014:

	Legal name	Decision number
1	Metropolis of Attica and Boeotia of the Church of True Orthodox Christians of Greece, Religious Legal Person	165/2015, Court of First Instance in Thebes
2	Metropolis of Piraeus and Salamina of the Church of True Orthodox Christians of Greece, Religious Legal Person	2457/2015, Court of First Instance in Piraeus)
3	Free Apostolic Church of Pentecost, Kifissia, Religious Legal Person	2749/2015, Court of First Instance in Athens)
4	Free Apostolic Church of Pentecost, Athens, Religious Legal Person	2842/2015, Court of First Instance in Athens
5	Metropolis in Greece of the Armenian Orthodox Apostolic Church, Religious Legal Person	1279/2016, Court of First Instance in Athens
6	Fellowship of Evangelical Churches, Religious Legal Person	2908/2017, Court of First Instance in Athens
7	Metropolis of Thessaloniki of the Church of True Orthodox Christians of Greece, Religious Legal Person	8711/2017, Court of First Instance in Thessaloniki

Additionally, religious places (worship places) of various other Christian communities exist and operate either with the legal personality in force before Law 4301/2014 was enacted, that is of civil-law partnership or association, or without legal status, since this is not necessary for issuing a permit for a house of prayer.

There are over **500** worship places of Christian Religious Communities which include those of the **Anglican Church (5)**, the **Coptic Orthodox Church of Egypt (5)**, the **Armenian Orthodox Church (10)**, the **German Evangelical Church in Greece (3)**, the **Greek Evangelical Church (37)**, **Fellowship of Greek Free Evangelical Churches (59)**, the **Assyrian Church (1)**, the **Armenian Evangelical Church (3)**, the **Free Apostolic Church of Pentecost (91)**, the **Apostolic Church of Pentecost (18)**, the **Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints**

**(Mormons) (3)**, the **Adventist Church (10)**, the **Jehovah's Christian Witnesses (88)**, the **True Orthodox Christians (Old Calendarists) (148)** and other religious groups with a smaller number of adherents.

**Twenty six (26)** requests for a permit to establish and operate a worship place or temple have been filed in **2017**. **Twenty** out of those were admissible while **six** were still pending on December 31, 2017, due to insufficient supporting documents. It is noted that in 2017 one permit to establish and operate a worship place was revoked.

In 2017, two court decisions were issued (numbers 2908/2017 by the Court of First Instance in Athens and 8711/2017 by the Court of First Instance in Thessaloniki) by which the Fellowship of Evangelical Churches and the Metropolis of Thessaloniki of the Church of True Orthodox Christians of Greece were recognized as Religious Legal Persons in non-contentious proceedings under article 3 of Law 4301/2014.

For the year **2017**, incidents against religious sites of the above Christian communities were reported as follows:

**a. Ethiopian Orthodox Church of Athens (Religious Legal Person)**

N°	1.
Place	Church in Athens
Date	Unspecified (probably in 2017)
Brief description	Aggravated theft, breaching of court order, breaching of personal data
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

## b. Armenian Evangelical Church (Religious Legal Person)

N°	1.
Place	Offices – worship place, Piraeus
Date	February 23, 2017
Brief description	Break-in; a window and a door were damaged; nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	2.
Place	Offices – worship place, Piraeus
Date	May 2017
Brief description	Window was broken into and an iPad was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No call was made to the police

N°	3.
Place	Church
Date	May 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break-in through the entrance door; perpetrator had entered the building during the staff working hours. The pastor stopped him but he managed to escape without breaking in or stealing anything
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified young man of about 20 years old
Police/Procedural action	The police was called and collected fingerprints. It was not possible to have the perpetrator identified by using photographs

N°	4.
Place	Church
Date	September 2017
Brief description	A/C outer unit was stolen. The spot was caught on CCTV camera but apparently the incident had taken place several days before it was perceived and the recording had been automatically erased
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No call was made to the police

### c. True Orthodox Christians of Greece (Old Calendarists)

N°	1.
Place	Church of Saint Irimi Chysovalantou, Piraeus
Date	August 13, 2017
Brief description	Damage caused in the Church; a silver icon, a golden cross, two golden Chalice sets and two golden trays, a golden tabernacle, a golden-plated myron pot and about €150 from the collection box were stolen. The total value of the stolen items is € 1,640
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

#### d. Jehovah's Christian Witnesses

N°	1.
Place	Informal place of worship of Jehovah's Christian Witnesses, Itea, Fokis
Date	February 12, 2017
Brief description	During an assembly of the local church, two hooded persons broke the window door. The participants were not injured
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	There was no complaint filed. Procedural documents were drawn up and preliminary investigation was ordered

Indicative photographs (Source: Jehovah's Christian Witnesses in Greece)





N°	2.
Place	Worship place of Jehovah's Christian Witnesses, Acharnae, Attica
Date	June 24, 2017
Brief description	Attempt to break in from the roof; parts of the tile roof damaged
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed with the Police

Indicative photographs (Source: Jehovah's Christian Witnesses in Greece)



N°	3.
Place	Worship place of Jehovah's Christian Witnesses, Gerakas, Attica
Date	August, September, 2017

Brief description	Stones were thrown repeatedly at the entrance door, the windows and the external walls causing minor damage
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Police Captain of the Pallini Police Station gave the order to have the site included in the regular police patrol schedule for surveillance and protection of public buildings
Indicative photographs (Source: Jehovah's Christian Witnesses in Greece)	
	

N°	4.
Place	Worship place of Jehovah's Christian Witnesses, Salamina
Date	October 2, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with spray painting of symbols and of the word "Αίρεση" (sect) on the entrance fence door
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	No complaint was filed with the Police
Indicative photographs (Source: Jehovah's Christian Witnesses in Greece)	
	

## B. Judaism

### 1. Introduction

A concise and comprehensive overview of the route of Greek Jews can be found in the article "[The Jewish community in Greece, the oldest community in Europe](#)" by Victor Eliezer<sup>45</sup>:

*"The first Greek Jew known by name was "Moschos, son of Moschion the Jew", a slave identified in an inscription dated approximately 300 – 250 B.C. found in Oropos, a small coastal town 40 klm from Athens.*

*It could be assumed that as a result of frequent Jewish movement through Greece, a Jewish Community was eventually established. This community is believed to have grown further after the Hasmonean uprising (142 B.C.) when many Jews were sold into slavery in Greece. In the early Christian era, the fact that Paul the Apostle, upon his arrival in Greece, preached in the Jewish Synagogues in Athens, Corinth, Veria, Kavala (Philipus) gives proof of the existence of many Jewish Communities in this Country. These Greek Jews were known as Romaniote and had developed their own customs and language (Judeo-Greek). Remnants of this unique tradition survived to our days.*

*From the end of the 14th century Jewish refugees emigrated from Spain and Portugal to the Greek mainland and adjacent islands. Mainly in Thessaloniki, the Jews known as the Shephardim introduced their own language (Judeo-Espagnol) and customs. During the 16th-18th centuries, Thessaloniki had one of the largest Jewish communities in the World and a solid rabbinical tradition."*

The [Jewish Museum of Greece](#) has played a leading role in preserving and enhancing "2,300 years of History and Tradition of the Jews of Greece".

In 2018, the Jewish Museum of Greece published in Greek and in English a monumental scientific publication entitled "Corpus Inscriptionum Judaicarum Graeciae (CIJG): Corpus of Jewish and Hebrew Inscriptions from Mainland and Island Greece (late 4<sup>th</sup> century BCE – 15<sup>th</sup> century)". This compilation is the result of a scientific program that was implemented in cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and was launched in 2010 under Minister P.Geroulanos.

With regard to the nature and action of the Jewish Museum of Greece, Mr. M. Matsas, President of the Board of Directors of the Jewish Museum of Greece states:

*"In cooperation with the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, the Jewish Museum of Greece has evolved into a unique educational center in Greece<sup>46</sup> since it:*

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<sup>45</sup> Eliezer Victor (2017, May 4). The Jewish community in Greece, the oldest community in Europe. European Jewish Press

<sup>46</sup> The Hellenic Parliament rewarded the significant work of the Jewish Museum of Greece in terms of research, publications, exhibitions, culture and education, and recognized it as equal to public research centers and the scientific research conducted by the Jewish Museum as part of the overall research effort of Greece (Law 4310/2014 article 3, Official Government Gazette A' 258).



- *organizes training seminars throughout Greece addressed to educators with a view to enabling them to acquire the cognitive skills and optimal teaching methods to teach the Holocaust*
- *co-organizes school contests on the Holocaust rewarding the winners with an educational visit to the Auschwitz Museum*
- *participates in the project carried out by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and, recently, by the Hellenic Parliament on establishing in the Auschwitz Museum a permanent Greek National Exhibition of the Holocaust in Greece*
- *implements far-reaching projects, such as publishing the Corpus of all inscriptions recording and corroborating the history of Greek Judaism”*

As a result of the [long history](#) of Greek Judaism, before World War II, Jewish communities existed in 28 Greek cities (Didymoticho, New Orestiada – Soufli, Alexandroupolis, Komotini, Xanthi, Kavala, Drama, Serres, Thessaloniki, Veria, Kastoria, Florina, Trikala, Larissa, Volos, Chalkis, Athens, Patra, Agrinio, Ioannina, Preveza, Arta, Corfu, Zakynthos, Chania, Rhodes and Kos). There were 77,377 Greek Jews and the greater concentration of population was in Thessaloniki.

After the Holocaust and the mass extermination of 65,000 Jews in death camps (especially in Auschwitz) and the immigration of many survivors to Israel, the number of Greek citizens of Jewish religion has been reduced significantly and the majority live in Athens.

Currently there are 8 active Jewish communities in Greece (Athens, Thessaloniki, Larissa, Volos, Ioannina, Trikala, Chalkis, Corfu). Since 1970<sup>47</sup> the communities of Rhodes, Veria, Kavala and Karditsa remain inactive under a managing committee appointed by the Minister of Education because they total less than 20 families, according to Emergency Law 367/1945 (Official Government Gazette A’ 143) as amended by Law Decree 301/1969 (Official Government Gazette A’ 195).

Eleven (11) Synagogues operate currently in the active Jewish communities for the religious needs of their members. Two Synagogues operate in Athens, three in Thessaloniki, one in Larissa, one in Volos, one in Ioannina, one in Trikala, one in Chalkis and one in Corfu. Three Synagogues operate in the inactive Jewish communities: one in Rhodes, one in Kavala and one in Veria. In Crete, the only remaining Synagogue is the Etz Hayyim Synagogue in Chania.

## 2. Legal framework

By **Law 2456/1920** (Official Government Gazette number A’ 173), adopted under the premiership of Eleftherios Venizelos, it has been laid down that Jewish communities are “Legal persons governed by public law”<sup>48</sup>.

Under the dictatorship of Metaxas, **Emergency Law 2544/1940** (Official Government Gazette A’ 287) has been adopted, by which the Jewish communities maintain their legal personality governed by public law with certain changes on the appointment of their managing board.

<sup>47</sup> See Moses Konstantinis “[Jewish Communities of Greece after the Holocaust](#)” p. 32

<sup>48</sup> See [Press Release](#) by the Ministry of Education and Religious Affairs of January 12, 2015 regarding the Legal personality of the Jewish Communities and the Jewish Schools “Communiqué by the Secretary General for Religious Affairs, Mr. G.Kalantzis, on the legal personality of Jewish Communities and the Central Board of Jewish Communities, of Jewish schools and their taxation”

By **Law 2/1944** (Official Government Gazette number A' 6 republished in number A' 14), the Greek State was the first European state to return Jewish property – confiscated by the Nazis – to its legitimate owners. This grand act of justice highlights both the democratic identity of the Government of National Unity and the determination of the Greek State to guarantee the presence of Greek Jewish Holocaust survivors.

By **Emergency Law 367/1945** (Official Government Gazette number A' 143) the Jewish Communities have been formed again by the Greek State aiming at guaranteeing their existence. This Emergency Law has been adopted because the losses that the communities had suffered by the Nazis had made the implementation of Law 2456/1920 problematic. The Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs supervises these organizations under Presidential Decree 353/1997 (A' 239).

By **Emergency Law 846/1946** (Official Government Gazette number A' 17), the Greek State was the first European state to forfeit its right to escheat Greek Jews' property in the absence of heirs (entire families had been exterminated in Nazi concentration camps). All this property had been granted to a legal person "aiming at looking after and rehabilitating the Jews of Greece".

By the **Decree "Establishing the Organization for care and rehabilitation of Greek Jews (O.P.A.I.E)" of March 29, 1949** (Official Government Gazette number A' 79) the legal person provided for by Emergency Law 846/1946 has been laid down.

By **Law 1657/1951** (Official Government Gazette number A' 20) the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece which had been temporarily established by Emergency Law 367/1945 "becomes permanent". Additionally, on the basis of a decision taken by the 2/3 of its members, the Central Board of Jewish Communities acquires the right to levy a contribution from the Jewish communities' income in order to cover operational costs. This levy represents an extra burden for the Jewish communities, similarly to the burden of the Holy Metropolitanates of the Church of Greece for the operation of the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece.

By **Decree Law 301/1969** (Official Government Gazette number A' 195), adopted under the dictatorship of G. Papadopoulos, the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece which had been established by Emergency Law 367/1945 and continued to operate since then, is considered "legal person governed by public law" since its establishment, therefore since 1945.

By **Presidential Decree 234/1989** (Official Government Gazette A' 110) "Amendment and Addendum of the Statute of the Jewish Community of Athens" Presidential Decree 182/1978 (Official Government Gazette A' 40) "Regarding the Statute of the Jewish Community of Athens" was repealed. The provisions of these Presidential Decrees lay down, inter alia, the resources of this community, including the membership contributions ("petsia") designated in Law 2456/1920 and they may not in any case substitute for or exempt the Jewish communities members from mandatory payment of taxes to the Greek State, in the same way as this is required for all Greek citizens.

January 27<sup>49</sup> was designated by **Law 3218/2004** (Official Government Gazette A'12) as "Remembrance Day for the Greek Jewish Martyrs and Heroes of the Holocaust" to honor Greek Jews murdered by German Nazis. In the case of Eastern Macedonia and Thrace the total elimination of Greek Jews who lived there was caused by the Bulgarian occupation authorities, ally of Nazi Germany. Pursuant to the provisions of this law, **Presidential Decree 31/2005** (Official Government Gazette A' 51) was issued on "Organizing commemoration events on January 27, Remembrance Day for the Greek Jewish Martyrs and Heroes of the Holocaust".

By **Law 4018/2011**, article 13 (Official Government Gazette A' 215) on "Restoration of Holocaust victims who originally had the Greek nationality", it is established that "*Greek citizenship is granted again to citizens of Israel, who were born by May 9, 1945 and are still alive, if they originally had the Greek nationality by birth and lost it in any way*". It is also established that "*the direct descendants of those who shall acquire the Greek nationality [...] may apply for the Greek citizenship as descendants of a Greek citizen*". By **Law 4461/2017**, article 109 (Official Government Gazette A' 38), the right of acquisition of the Greek citizenship is extended also to direct descendants of citizens of Israel or other countries born in Greece by May 9, 1945 who died before acquiring the Greek nationality.

By **Law 3943/2011** (Official Government Gazette A' 66) the Greek State settled the legal dispute between the Jewish community of Thessaloniki and the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and the Greek State which was pending since 1961. By article 45 (10) of this Law, the Greek State undertook to pay to the Jewish community of Thessaloniki the sum of € 9,943,697 in two instalments expiring in the fifth and tenth year after the entry into force of this Law.

By **Law 4178/2013** (Official Government Gazette A' 174) special procedures are provided for regulating urban interventions of Churches, Synagogues and Mosques of the Muslim minority in Thrace.

In **2014**, a **Memorandum of Cooperation** was signed between the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs and the Jewish Museum of Greece. In **2017**, a **Memorandum of Understanding** was signed between the Hellenic Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, the Jewish Museum of Greece and Yad Vashem.

Within the framework of the Memorandum of Cooperation with the Jewish Museum of Greece, **Ministerial Decree of the Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs (42856/02/4-3-2018 Official Government Gazette 950/2018 B')** was issued on "**Student Contest – Educational Program on Teaching about the Holocaust in Greece**". According to article 1, the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs may organize annually, following a recommendation by the Institute of Educational Policy, a student video-making contest on the Holocaust; part of this educational program shall be a visit to the Auschwitz- Birkenau Museum in Poland.

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<sup>49</sup> On January 27, 1945, the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp of the Nazis was liberated by the soviet army. On November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, the General Assembly of the United Nations adopted [Resolution A/RES/60/7](#), designating January 27<sup>th</sup> as an annual international Day of Commemoration in memory of the victims of the Holocaust in order to mark the sixtieth year of the defeat of the Nazi regime and to honor the courage and commitment of the soldiers who deliberated the concentration camps.

On January 25, the President of the Hellenic Parliament in the framework of his official visit to Israel, visited the Parliament of Israel (Knesset) and signed with the Speaker of the Knesset the declaration to combat antisemitism ([see Press Release](#)).

It is noteworthy that the book of His Eminence Metropolitan Nektarios of Argolis (*Οδοιπορικό στην Πολωνία - Σε τόπους μνήμης, μαρτυρίου και μαρτυρίας*» Εκδ. Επιστροφή 2018) (*Travelogue to Poland – sites of commemoration, torture and testament*) was recently published. In the book there is material from the visit to Poland performed by the Youth office of the Metropolis of Argolis. Multiple sources on the Holocaust are also included in the book. Here is a quote by the author from the introduction of the book: “We have at the very least the obligation to keep the memory from fading and to keep our hearts warm. Because if we don’t, the seed of hatred will grow and the way to a new catastrophe will be paved.”

### 3. Incidents


For the purposes of this Report, Synagogues, referred to above, Jewish cemeteries, Jewish schools and Memorials to honor the Greeks Jews murdered in the Holocaust are included in the sites of religious interest of the Jewish Communities in Greece.

It should be noted that **several of the facts that have been recorded in 2017 are manifestly antisemitic**, i.e. they refer to specific motives and ideologies, which led to the Holocaust and the killing of 6 million of our people.

In total, **eleven (11) incidents** have been recorded, as follows:


N <sup>o</sup>	1.
Place	Jewish Cemetery, Platani, Kos
Date	March 26, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with slogans painted in red on the external wall of the Cemetery reading: “PKK YA IDAM”
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N <sup>o</sup>	2.
Place	Holocaust Memorial, Kavala
Date	March 30, 2017
Brief description	The marble front side of the Memorial was broken by using a heavy tool
Perpetrator(s)	Four Greek nationals
Police/Procedural action	On July 3, 2017, following systematic investigation by the Police Department of Kavala, four Greek nationals, members of an organization of citizens of Kavala named “Phoenix”, were identified as suspects. The four persons arrested admitted that they were guilty; they showed remorse and took commitment to restore the damage.

	Criminal proceedings were brought against them for aggravated damage of what is used for the common good and trial date was set
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by Hellenic Police</a> <a href="#">Communiqué by the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece</a> Secretary General for Religious Affairs G. Kalantzis made a <a href="#">Statement</a> on acts of desecration against Holocaust Memorials of Greek Judaism in Arta and in Kavala stating: “no matter how many times they demolish them, we will never tire of rebuilding them”.
Indicative photographs (Source: Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece)	

N°	3.
Place	Holocaust Memorial, Arta
Date	March 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with paint on parts of the front of the Memorial and on the back where the word YOLO was painted
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents for aggravated damage were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor
Remarks	The damage was rapidly restored by the City crew. <a href="#">Communiqué by the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece</a> Secretary General for Religious Affairs G. Kalantzis made a <a href="#">Statement</a> on acts of desecration against Holocaust Memorials of Greek Judaism in Arta and in Kavala stating: “no matter how many times they demolish them, we will never tire of rebuilding them”.

<p>Indicative photographs (Source: Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece)</p>	
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N°	4.
Place	Holocaust Memorial, Athens
Date	March 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with graffiti
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	<i>No data available</i>
Remarks	<a href="#">Open letter by the Chairperson of the Jewish Community of Athens</a>
<p>Indicative photographs (Source: Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece)</p>	

N°	5.
Place	Jewish Cemetery, Nikaia
Date	March 2017
Brief description	Pieces of pork were discovered
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	<i>No data available</i>

N°	6.
Place	Synagogue Volos


Date	June 15/16, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with graffiti on the external wall with black spray («Ο ΚΑΙ ΑΝΤΙΣΤΟΙΧΟΣ ΠΑΤΕΡ ΔΟΞΑ ΣΟΥ ΝΑΙ!»)
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents for aggravated damage were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	7.
Place	Holocaust Memorial, Athens
Date	June 7, 2017
Brief description	Vandalism with graffiti («Γεια με λένε thanato!»)
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	<i>No data available</i>

Indicative photographs (Source: Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece)



N°	8.
Place	Holocaust Memorial, Larisa
Date	July 17, 2017
Brief description	The incident took place in the Square of Jewish Martyrs in Larisa by the perpetrator along with three unidentified accomplices, a woman dressed as a nun and two other young persons in civilian clothes. One of the unidentified perpetrators put up three antisemitic leaflets on the main entrance of the Offices of the Jewish Community of Larisa and two on the marble floor. Then all perpetrators went to the Holocaust Memorial across from the Offices where they put up leaflets, one on the upper part and two on the pedestal of the Memorial. They also threw eggs. Then they threw about twenty leaflets in the square and left. This

	<p>incident was posted on <a href="#">Youtube</a><sup>50</sup> and was caught on CCTV camera. The video shows the perpetrator (“Fr. Kleomenis”) using vulgar language against Jews («σκουλήκια», «εβραιόσκυλα», « η εβραΐλα πρέπει να πέσει από τη Λάρισα»), throwing eggs, calling the Holocaust into question, threatening and inciting into acts of violence against the Memorial and the Jews of Larisa («Ξεσηκωθείτε, φέρτε μπολντόζα»), cursing, spitting and kicking the Memorial of Greek Jews.</p>
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national and three unidentified accomplices of his
Police/Procedural action	<p>The Chairman of the Jewish Community of Larisa filed a complaint.</p> <p>Ex officio preliminary investigation by the Sub-Directorate for Public Security of Larisa for violation of Law 927/1979 “On punishment of acts with intend of racial discrimination” as amended by Law 4285/2014.</p> <p>The General Secretariat for Religious Affairs and the General Secretariat of Transparency and Human Rights reacted immediately by sending the relevant material to the Chief Public Prosecutor of the Court of First Instance of Larisa, to the Directorate for the prosecution of cybercrime and to the Department for social matters and combat against racism of the Public Security Division.</p> <p>Procedural documents were drawn up, one of the suspects was referred to the competent court, a trial date was set, preliminary investigation was conducted in order to find the other offenders.</p>
Remarks	<p><a href="#">Communiqué by the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece</a></p> <p><a href="#">Communiqué by the Jewish Community of Larisa</a></p> <p>See Addendum</p>
Indicative photographs (Source: Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece)	

<sup>50</sup> Clicking on the link it reads “Video is no longer available because the Youtube account associated with this video has been terminated” (date of visit: November 2, 2018)



N°	9.
Place	Offices of the Jewish Community and Synagogue of Larisa
Date	October 6, 2017
Brief description	Perpetrators stuck 2 stickers of antisemitic content on the entrance of the Offices during working hours. One was showing a fist hitting a garbage can with the star of David and the other was showing a gallery and a slogan («ΒΑΛΤΕ ΤΟΥΣ ΦΩΤΙΑ ΜΕΣΑ ΣΤΗ ΣΤΟΑ»)
Perpetrator(s)	A Greek national
Police/Procedural action	Procedural documents for violating anti-racist legislation were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor. Preliminary investigation

N°	10.
Place	Jewish school, Larisa
Date	October 29, 2017
Brief description	Unidentified perpetrators vandalized with paint the fencing of the Jewish school reading «ΛΕΥΤΕΡΙΑ ΣΤΗΝ ΠΑΛΑΙΣΤΙΝΗ ΨΕΜΑ ΜΠΑΧΑΛΟΣ»
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	Investigation aiming at finding the perpetrators

N°	11.
Place	Holocaust Memorial, Athens
Date	December 1 <sup>st</sup> , 2017
Brief description	Two of the three metal parts of the inscription placed on the marble pedestal in the entrance of the Memorial on Ermou street were taken. The inscription carries the words of Eli Wiesel in three languages (Greek, English and French); his message is dedicated to the Holocaust Memorial of Athens and invites bystanders to reflect on the crime of the Holocaust and to honor the memory of the victims
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/Procedural action	The Supreme Court Public Prosecutor's Office forwarded the relevant information published online to the Public Prosecutor's Office of the Court of First Instance of Athens who drew up the Procedural documents against persons unknown. Preliminary investigation was conducted by the Unit for combating racist violence of the Hellenic Police.

Remarks

[Communiqué by the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece](#)

[Communiqué by the Jewish Community of Athens](#)

[Communiqué by the City of Athens](#)

[Statement](#) by the Secretary General for Religious Affairs, G. Kalantzis:

*«The desecration of the Holocaust Memorial in Athens is a despicable act reminding us of our duty to defend the truth, the justice and the memory of 6,000,000 murdered Jews, among whom 67,000 were Greek Jews. Defending the memory of innocent victims is at the same time also the best way to honor the memory of 337 Greek Orthodox Christians who were recognized as “Righteous among the Nations” because when the time came, they honored our country, our history and our culture through their actions.*

*A text written by Marcel Nadjari, a Greek Jew from Thessaloniki who was deported to Auschwitz and was forced to live the atrocities of this death factory was recently reconstructed. His text reads: «They will eliminate us too, now that the command has been given, we are 26 Greeks overall and the remaining ones are Polish. At least we Greeks are determined to die as true Greeks, just like every Greek knows how to die. ... .. Whenever someone asks after me, simply say that I no longer exist and that I have gone as a true Greek. ... ..I die content because I know that at this moment our Greece is liberated. My last words will be “Long live Greece”».*

*Well, our last words will be “We shall not forget”».*

Indicative photographs (Source: Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece)



## 4. Addendum

### a. Statistical presentation

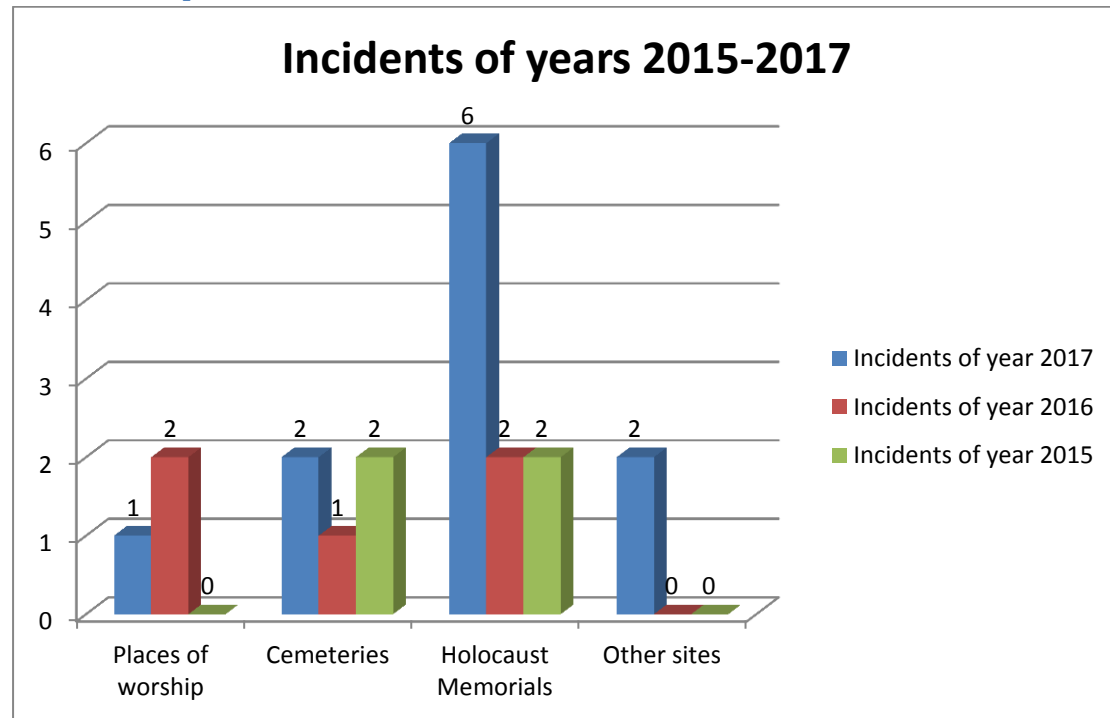


Figure 5: Comparative presentation of incidents of years 2015-2017 by site

### [b. Press Release by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs on the Student Contest of school year 2016-17](#)

### [c. Communiqués, Press Releases, Statements and letters regarding vandalism of the Holocaust Memorial of Larisa \(incident No. 8\)](#)

#### [i. Holy Synod of the Church of Greece](#)

[\("Father Kleomenis" unrelated to the Church of Greece\)](#)

#### [ii. Holy Metropolitanate of Larisa and Tyrnavos](#)

(Stating that the person calling himself "father Kleomenis" is neither a monk nor a priest of the Orthodox Church of Greece", expressing sympathy to those affected by his actions and condemning the desecration of the Memorial)

#### [iii. Prefectural Council of Thessaly](#)

(Condemning the desecration of the Memorial)

#### [iv. City of Larisa](#)

(Condemning the desecration of the Memorial)

v. [Metropolitan of Demetrias, Ignatios](#) (sermon on July 19, 2017)

(Sending a strong signal against exploiting Greece and the Eastern Orthodox Church)

vi. **Letter to the former Chief of the Hellenic Police, Mr. Tsouvalas by the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece**

(attachment with video where actions against Jewish targets in Larisa and Thessaloniki are recorded and request that the perpetrator be brought to justice)

vii. **Letter to the Archbishop Ieronymos of Athens and All Greece<sup>51</sup> by the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece**

(expressing appreciation for the Communiqué issued by the Holy Synod of the Church of Greece on the insulting and vulgar behavior of the person who calls himself “father Kleomenis” and on the vandalism of the Holocaust Memorial of Larisa)

viii) **Letter to the Secretary General for Religious Affairs, George Kalantzis, by the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece** (expressing satisfaction on the immediate mobilization demonstrated by the Secretary General for Religious Affairs and the Secretary General for Transparency and Human Rights towards the competent authorities for arresting and bringing to justice the perpetrators of acts inciting hatred and violence and violating the honor of commemorating the Holocaust victims.)

ix) **Letter to the Public Prosecutor’s Office of the Court of First Instance of Larisa by the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs** (with the request that the actions of so-called “father Kleomenis” be examined on whether they fall within the scope of violating law 927/1979 “On punishment of acts with intend of racial discrimination” as amended by Law 4285/2014).

x) **Letter to the Public Prosecutor’s Office of the Court of First Instance of Larisa and to the Directorate for the prosecution of cybercrime by the General Secretariat for Transparency and Human Rights** (forwarding information about “father Kleomenis” with the request for action to be taken).

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<sup>51</sup> [Communiqué](#) by the Holy Archdiocese of Athens

## C. Islam

### 1. Muslim Minority in Thrace

#### a. Introduction

**Articles 37 to 45** (Section E “Protection of Minorities”) of the **Treaty of Lausanne** ratified by Decree Law “On ratification of the Lausanne Peace Treaty” (Official Government Gazette A’ 238/1923) establish the legal framework for the protection of populations which were not included in the “Convention Concerning the Exchange of Greek and Turkish Populations” that is to say, the Greek Orthodox Christians in Istanbul and the Muslims in Thrace.

In particular, in **article 2 of the Convention concerning the exchange of Greek and Turkish populations**, it is laid down that: *“The following persons shall not be included in the exchange provided for in Article 1: a) The Greek inhabitants of Constantinople, b) The Muslim inhabitants of Western Thrace. All Greeks who were already established before the 30th October, 1918, within the areas under the Prefecture of the City of Constantinople, as defined by the law of 1912, shall be considered as Greek inhabitants of Constantinople. All Muslims established in the region to the east of the frontier line laid down in 1913 by the Treaty of Bucharest shall be considered as Muslim inhabitants of Western Thrace”*.

Therefore, the minority in Thrace is of religious nature. It consists of Greek citizens of Muslim religion and it is governed by the Constitution and the laws of the Hellenic Republic and by a special national and international legislation which is determined by a long historical, political and geographical development in full respect of the specific religious and cultural characteristics of Muslim Greek citizens in Thrace who are protected by the Constitution and Greek legislation, as all Greek citizens, and are subject to the same legal obligations and requirements which apply to all citizens equal before the national law.

#### b. Muftiates in Thrace

The Muftiate of Didymoticho, the Muftiate of Xanthi and the Muftiate of Komotini are separate public service structures equivalent to General Directorates and they are under the authority of the Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs. Operational expenditures are charged to the budget of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs. Financial and management audits are carried out by the General Directorate for Financial Audits of the Ministry of Finance, in accordance with the provisions in force, following a joint decision by the Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs and the Minister of Finance, including them in the bodies referred to in article 3 of Law 3492/2006 as well as all other matters which merit special attention (**Royal Decree of Dec.12, 1952; Law 1920/1991, article 7**, Official Gazette A’ 11, as amended by Law 4235/2014 article 68 (Official Gazette A’ 32) and Law 4559/2018, article 48 (A’ 142), **Law 3536/2007 article 40** (Official Gazette A’ 42). Three Muftiates operate at present in Didymoticho, Xanthi and Komotini.

The Mufti, who is Head of the Muftiate, is an administrative officer and has the position of General Director and is paid accordingly; he is appointed by a Presidential Decree with a ten-year mandate and he has religious, administrative and judicial competence according to Sharia solely on personal law (**Law 1920/1991** Official Gazette A’ 11 which ratified the Act of Legislative Content of Dec. 24, 1990, as amended by **Law 4485/2017** (A’114), [Law 4511/2018 \(A’2\)](#) and **Law 4559/2018** (A’ 142).

The Parliament's Plenary Session adopted the amendment of article 5 of Law 1920/1991 (A' 11) by which taking a case before the Mufti becomes optional. This has been a significant step forward on equity and democratic rights, fully respecting identity, religious faith and special characteristics of the Muslim minority of Thrace, adopted by all political parties (except Golden Dawn) in broad consensus.

Following the vote in plenary, Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, K. Gavroglu, posted a relevant [statement](#) on the website of the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, stating: *"This is an important day for manifestations of democracy in our country. All pro-democracy parties have adopted the amendment that provides for the optional nature of taking a case before the Mufti for the Greek citizens of Muslim religion who have decided to get married with a religious ceremony. From now on, all matters of succession and family law shall fall within the jurisdiction of civil courts, except if both parties declare in writing in presence of lawyers that they wish to solve their conflicts through the Mufti. This is a significant step towards equity and democratic rights with full respect to matters of identity and religious faith. This regulation was pending for several decades"*.

Additionally, following months of processing by the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs in cooperation with the General Secretariat for Transparency and Human Rights, the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs drew up a draft Presidential Decree which was submitted for public consultation on "Procedural rules on cases under the jurisdiction of the Mufti – setting up, organizing and operation of Directorate for cases under the jurisdiction of the Mufti at the Muftiates", in accordance with the provisions of article 5 of Legislative Act of Dec. 24, 1990 "On Muslim Clerics" (A' 182) ratified by the sole article of Law 1920/1991 (A' 11) as it was amended by article 1(4) of Law 4511/2018 (A' 2). The consultation ended on September 7, 2018.

The Presidential Decree includes provisions on:

- a) Establishing necessary rules of procedure on cases under the jurisdiction of the Mufti and issuing of the Mufti's ruling and
- b) Regulating matters of organizing, setting up and of procedures for filling vacancies of staff (permanent employees, employees on private law contracts of indefinite duration or political appointees) and of operation of the Directorate for cases under the jurisdiction of the Mufti at the Muftiates.

### **c. Mosques in Thrace**

The Muslims in Thrace exercise their religious duties in numerous mosques which are **over 260** in the area. **The Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs has satisfied all requests for works for repair or extension of old mosques as well as for building new ones.** It is noted that the repair of historical mosques is funded by the Ministry of Culture and Sports.

Moreover, by **article 27 of Law 4067/2012** (Official Gazette A' 79) specific provisions were established for simplifying urban planning procedures which are laid down for the repair or building of mosques in buildings located in a Waqf in Thrace.

The Greek State has demonstrated special attention to resolve longstanding problems regarding mosques in particular in mountain areas of Thrace due to lack of property titles and street planning for almost all of them. By **article 48 of Law 4178/2013** (Official Gazette A' 174), urban planning issues arising regarding mosques were solved. These issues regard

mosques located in areas within legal settlements but without street planning, or they regard issuing of building permits or permits to repair mosques (currently this is allowed only in areas with an approved street planning), or generally in legalizing existing buildings and architectural parts such as minarets which have been built in the past but without a relevant permit.

Additionally, the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, taking into account the Muslim minority in Thrace, the large number of the existing Islamic worship places (mosques, tekke, masjid, jem, cemevi), certain cases of malfunction in carrying out repairs or constructions of expansions or annexes, as well as the dense cultural richness of the wider area in recent years, set up a “Committee for resolving planning matters for mosques of the Muslim minority in Thrace”(Online Publication Number ΩΕΣ64653ΠΣ-ΝΤΓ). Members of this Committee were the Secretary General for Religious Affairs, the Head of the Directorate for Religious Administration of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs, a representative of each Muftiate of the Muslim minority in Thrace, a representative of each Waqf management committee of the Muslim minority in Thrace, a representative of the Decentralized Administration of Macedonia-Thrace, a representative of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, a representative of the Ministry of Environment and Energy and a representative of the Ministry of Culture and Sports.

In the context of the work of this Committee, it appeared appropriate for the relevant Ministries (Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs, Ministry of Environment and Energy and Ministry of Culture and Sports) to issue a joint circular with a view to gathering, codifying and grouping the existing legislation, clarifying the authorization procedure with a detailed list of the necessary supporting documents and urban studies where appropriate (i.e. to demolish an existing building and to build a new one, to construct an annex building, to make small-scale repairs and deviations of building height etc.) to the benefit of all concerned.

Following the one-year cooperation of the three relevant Ministries, the Building Services of Thrace and the Department for traditional agglomerations and listed buildings of the Directorate of Environment and Culture of the State Secretariat of Macedonia-Thrace, a **circular was issued on the “[Authorization procedure for issuing a building permit to Islamic places of worship/prayer in Thrace \(mosques, tekke, masjid, jem, cemevi\)](#)” (Online Publication Number 78ΘΓ4653ΠΣ-Z3X).**

An explicit reference is made in this circular regarding the obligation to protect the cultural heritage as derived from international conventions<sup>52</sup> and the national regulatory framework<sup>53</sup>. In particular, in order for newer buildings to be integrated in a protection scheme, the competent bodies designate them since it is through this procedure that the protection scheme is activated. Especially in Thrace, where the majority of Islamic places of worship/prayer are close to 100-years-old, it is necessary to clarify on a case-by-case assessment if the place of worship/prayer is subject to the provisions of Law 3028/2002 “On protection of Antiquities and Cultural Heritage in general”.

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<sup>52</sup> UNESCO Convention of 1972, Granada Convention of 1985

<sup>53</sup> Constitution, articles 24 (1) and 6; Law 3018/2002

## 2. Muslims outside Thrace

### a. Mosques in Rhodes and Kos

In addition to the region of Thrace where the Treaty of Lausanne is in force, Islamic religious places operate in the Dodecanese and in particular in Rhodes and Kos.

In Rhodes there are [7 historical mosques](#); one of them operates on a daily basis as a Mosque and one operates as a Mosque in Ramadan and in Eid Al-Adha. In Kos there are 6 mosques classified as [archeological sites](#) and there is a mosque operating on a daily basis.

Mosques and Islamic cemeteries are under the management committees of the Managing bodies of the Waqf in Rhodes and in Kos respectively which initially were set up as “Special Councils” according to the **decree (Ref. 12/2-5-1929)** by the Italian Governor of the Islands of the Aegean<sup>54</sup>. Currently, the Management Boards of the Managing bodies of the Waqf property in Rhodes and Kos are formed of five members and they are set up by a decision of the South Aegean Region Administration every two years.

Their members are Greek Muslims, permanent residents of Rhodes or Kos respectively.

Particular mention should be made to the funding by the Ministry of Culture and Sports for restoring historical mosques in the area, such as the Recep Pasha Mosque, the Sintrivan Mosque and the Mosque of Mehmet Aga in Rhodes.

With the support of the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs the Suleiman Mosque in Rhodes – which operates as a museum- is made available each year to the Managing body of the Waqf property in Rhodes for the Eid al-Fitr prayer and the Eid al-Adha prayer.

### b. Other mosques in Greece

Other than the above mentioned Mosques in Thrace, Rhodes and Kos there are at least 60 Islamic sites in Greece which date back to the Ottoman period. Many of those have been restored, such as the Fethiye Mosque in the Roman Agora in Athens which is accessible as an exhibition gallery since August 2017, the [Yeni Mosque](#) in Mytilene, the Zincirli Mosque in Serres and the Mosque in “Dikastirion” square in Drama. Other mosques damaged due to the ravages of time are being restored, such as, for example, the Valide Mosque in Mytilene with funding of € 1.2 million from the Special Development plan for the islands of the Aegean implemented by the Ephorate of Antiquities of Lesvos.

Some Mosques operate as museums after their restoration, such as the Emir Zade Mosque in Chalkis where a byzantine collection is housed, the Mosque of the Lower Fountain or Tzisdarakis Mosque in Athens which was built in 1759 and since 1918 it houses the [Museum of Greek Folk Art](#) and the Küçük Hassan Mosque in Chania which operates as a cultural area.

An indicative list is shown in the Addendum of this section.

The Ministry of Culture and Sports seeks to ensure the preservation of the cultural heritage of Greece (and has edited special publications in the past<sup>55</sup> concerning these efforts) in

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<sup>54</sup> See also decree by the Army Commander of the Dodecanese (Ref: 19/29-4-1947) as ratified by the Resolution ΛΔ' of the 4<sup>th</sup> Revisionary Hellenic Parliament (Official Government Gazette A' 262/27-11-1947)

<sup>55</sup> Ottoman Architecture in Greece, Collective work, 2009



which the monuments of the Ottoman period and especially the Islamic monuments are included.

### c. Islamic houses of prayer

For the first time in 2013, applications for a permit to establish and to operate an Islamic worship place were filed and they were all satisfied, except for those whose supporting documentation was incomplete. In 2017 two applications for permits for Islamic houses of prayer were filed (“AL JABBAR” and “MASKENT EL SAHABAH”) and granted. **Currently, the total number of Islamic houses of prayer in Greece, not including Thrace and the Dodecanese, is eight.**

Since 2011, the Greek State makes spaces available<sup>56</sup> at the Peace and Friendship Stadium and at the Olympic Sports Athletic Center of Athens in order to ensure that Muslims are able to practice their religious duties during the Great Islamic Celebration marking the end of Ramadan and Abraham’s sacrifice.

Additionally, each year Muslims honor the birth anniversary of the Prophet Muhammad with a parade in Athens; this is authorized by the Greek authorities and protected by the Hellenic Police.

In 2017, in accordance with the regulations of article 1 of Emergency Law 1363/1938 (Official Government Gazette A’ 305) as currently in force, an Islamic house of prayer in Thessaloniki operating without a permit was shut down.

### 3. Mosque of Athens

By **Law 3512/2006** (Official Gazette A’ 264) the necessary regulatory framework to establish and operate an Islamic Mosque in Attica was established for the first time in national legislation. The Mosque will be under public supervision, so as to provide Muslims residing in the Attica area (Greeks and non-Greeks) with the possibility to exercise their religious duties in accordance to their religion.

By the adoption of **Law 4014/2011** (Official Government Gazette A’ 209), **Law 4327/2015** (Official Government Gazette A’ 50), **Law 4414/2016** (Official Government Gazette A’ 149) and **Law 4473/2017** (Official Government Gazette A’ 78) several administrative and urban planning matters were settled and as a result the construction of the Mosque is in the process of being completed.

By Ministerial Decree **135952/01/11-8-2017** (Government Gazette, Volume of Special Position Employees and Administration Bodies of the Public Sector and the Broader Public Sector Agencies, 401, Online Publication Number 7ΦΑΒ4653ΠΣ-1ΣΘ) the members of the Management Board of the Legal Entity of Private Law “Committee of the Mosque of Athens” were appointed.

On May 16, 2018, following months of processing, the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs submitted for public consultation until May 31, 2018 the draft for the Presidential Decree on “Organizational Regulations of the Legal Entity of Private Law

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<sup>56</sup> See [Press Release](#) of May 31, 2017 by the General Secretariat for Religious Affairs: “Muslims’ religious practice at the end of Ramadan (Eid-al-Fitr)”

‘Committee of the Mosque of Athens’” in accordance with article 5 of Law 3512/2006 as amended by article 5 (2) of Law 4473/2017 (A’ 78).

The Presidential Decree includes regulations on the structure and operation of the Legal Entity of Private Law, the number and type of positions, the qualifications and duties of the staff as well as the disciplinary law, matters on studies, projects, renting and leasing property, provision of services regarding the operation and maintenance of the Mosque and procurements, financial management, and inclusion in the adequate accounting management and all other necessary details for the proper operation and achievement of its aims.

The Joint Ministerial Decision by the Minister of Education, Research and Religious Affairs and the Minister of Finance on “*Rules of Procedure of the Management Board of the Legal Entity of Private Law “Committee of the Mosque of Athens”* 151436/Θ1/13-9-2018 (B’ 4405) was issued providing for, among others, the following:

- the possibility to set up, following a decision by the Management Board, non-remunerable religious committees of consultative nature composed of members or non- members of the Board for the better functioning of the Mosque. In particular, members of these committees may be public servants, Muslims legally residing in Attica, faculty members of Universities or graduates of the Undergraduate Programme of Islamic Studies of the Faculty of Theology of the School of Theology of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki and religious ministers of Islamic worship places in Attica authorized by the Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs (article 17),
- the possibility to set up, following a decision by the Management Board, groups of volunteers composed of Muslims legally residing in Attica and members of the Muslim communities of Attica who wish to offer their services on a temporary basis and free of charge and to support the proper functioning of the Mosque of Athens especially during the periods of major Islamic holidays and for the increased needs of the adherents (article 18),
- the daily functioning of the Mosque of Athens. Opening hours of the Mosque are: from thirty minutes before the time of the first prayer performed by the Imam to thirty minutes after the time of the last prayer performed by the Imam. During the holy Islamic month of Ramadan and the Feast of the Sacrifice of Abraham (Eid Al Adha), the Mosque of Athens shall operate twenty-four hours a day. All adherents may come freely at the Mosque during the opening hours and at the yearly prayer times in order to perform their religious practices (article 19) and
- the procedure and conditions for making the Mosque available to individual Muslim communities of Attica for a limited period of time (article 20)

#### 4. Incidents


For the year **2017**, the following **eight** incidents have been reported:

N°	1.
Place	Informal place of prayer, Kalamata
Date	January 5/6, 2017

Brief Description	A bottle with flammable material was thrown at the entrance of the building on the ground floor where a place of prayer for Muslims is placed; minor damage caused on the glass door
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/ Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	2.
Place	Informal place of prayer, Kalamata
Date	January 21, 2017
Brief Description	Vandalism with black paint sprayed on the entrance of the building where a place of prayer for Muslims is placed reading "OXI TZAMI OXI ISLAM"; a cross in a circle and a meander were painted as well
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/ Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	3.
Place	Mosque "Kir Mahale", Komotini
Date	March 2/3, 2017
Brief Description	Wooden entrance door was broken into with a sharp object; nothing was stolen
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/ Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

N°	4.
Place	Mosque Mehmet A' (Beyazit), Didymoticho
Date	March 22, 2017
Brief Description	Fire caused severe damage
Perpetrator(s)	<i>No data available</i>
Police/ Procedural action	Preliminary investigation, procedural documents drawn, date of trial set
Remarks	<a href="#">Press Release by Fire Service (March 22, 2017)</a> <a href="#">Press Release by Fire Service (March 25, 2017)</a> See Addendum
Indicative photographs (Source: <a href="#">Press Release, Ministry of Education, Research and Religious Affairs</a> )	

N°	5.
Place	Islamic Cemeteries, Xanthi

Date	May 19, 2017
Brief Description	Seven gravestones were damaged and removed
Perpetrator(s)	Unidentified
Police/ Procedural action	No lawsuits wer filed. Incident was recorded by the Police Directorate of Xanthi

Indicative photographs (Source: Waqf management committee of Xanthi)



N°	6.
Place	Informal place of prayer, Acharnai
Date	October 3, 2017
Brief Description	Two vehicles outside the place of prayer were set on fire
Perpetrator(s)	Two unidentified perpetrators
Police/ Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	7.
Place	Informal place of prayer, Acharnai
Date	October 22, 2017
Brief Description	Perpetrators threw stones at the place of prayer
Perpetrator(s)	Two unidentified perpetrators
Police/ Procedural action	Procedural documents were submitted to the competent Public Prosecutor

N°	8.
Place	Mosque of Athens under construction
Date	November 4, 2017
Brief Description	Damage was caused on the door of the fencing; vandalism with red spray paint reading "ΟΡΘΟΔΟΞΙΑ Η' ΘΑΝΑΤΟΣ"
Perpetrator(s)	A group of 15 unidentified perpetrators, one of whom has been recognized as Greek national
Police/ Procedural action	Preliminary investigation

## 5. Addendum

### a. Statistical presentation

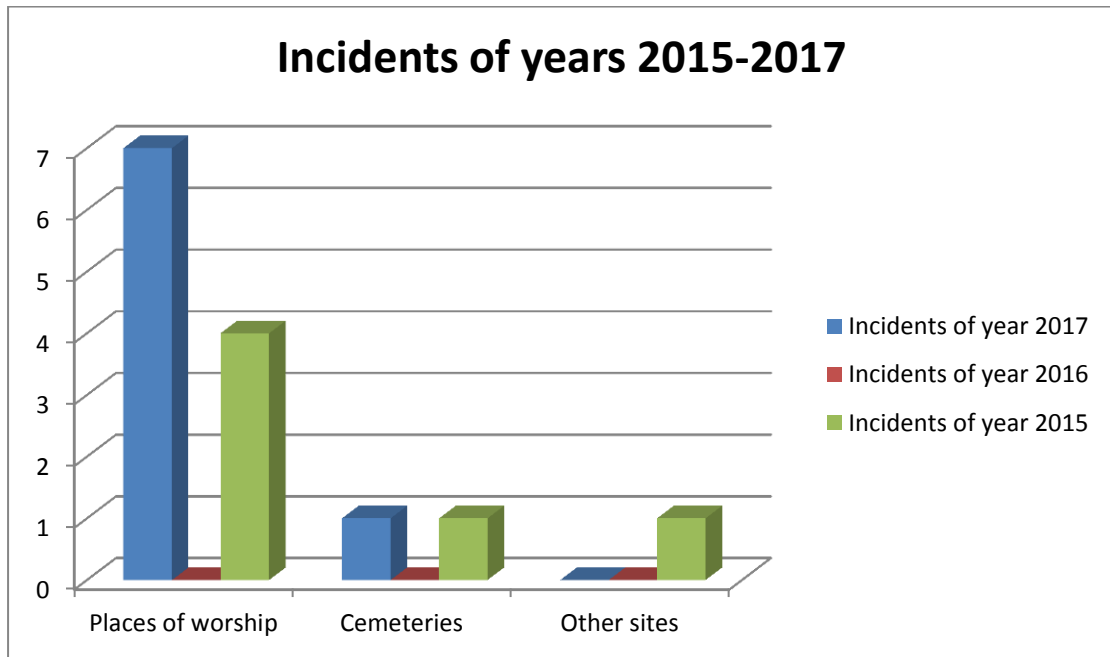


Figure 6: Comparative presentation of incidents of years 2015-2017 by site

### b. Communiqués, press releases etc. regarding the arson attack on the Mosque “Beyazit” (Incident 4)

- i. [March 22, 2017 Minister Gavroglu fully supports the Ministry of Culture for repairing the damage caused to the Mosque Beyazit](#)
- ii. Press Release by the Muftiate of Didymoteicho
- iii. Press Release by the Ministry of Culture and Sports
- iv. [Press Release by the Prefecture of East Macedonia and Thrace](#)
- v. Press Release by the Metropolitanate of Didymoteicho, Orestias and Soufli
- vi. [Communiqué by the Central Board of Jewish Communities in Greece](#)

### **c. Indicative list of Mosques classified as monuments**

(Source: Directorate for Byzantine and Post-Byzantine Monuments, Ministry of Culture and Sports)

#### **Stereia Ellada**

Athens, Fethiye Mosque (Mosque of the Wheat Bazar)  
Athens, Mosque of the Lower Fountain (Tzisdarakis)  
Medresse (Aiolou and Pelopida st.)  
Küçük Mosque, Mousaiou square, Plaka  
Chalkis Emir Zade Mosque and fountain  
Nafpaktos, Fethiye Mosque

#### **Peloponnese**

Nafplio, Trianon or Old Mosque of the Constitution square  
Nafplio, "Vouleftiko" Mosque  
Nafplio, Medresse  
Nafplio, Catholic church ("Fragoklisia"), Mosque  
Argos, Church of Sts. Constantin and Eleni, Mosque  
Corinth, Akrokorinthos, Mosque  
Corinth, Ancient Corinth, Mausoleum (known as "Tekke")  
Monemvasia, Castle of Monemvasia, Mosque  
Pylos, Niokastro, Mosque (or Church of the Transfiguration of our Savior)

#### **Epirus**

Ioannina, Castle, Aslan Pasha Mosque  
Ioannina, Castle, İç Kale, Fethiye Mosque  
Medresse Aslan Pasha, Castle  
Cookhouse Aslan Pasha, Castle  
Ioannina, Castle, Library of the Castle  
Ioannina, Kalousiani, Cesme Mosque  
Ioannina, Veli Pasha complex (Mosque, Medresse, cookhouse)  
Arta, Imaret Mosque (Faik Pasha)  
Arta, Feyzullah Mosque

#### **Thessaly**

Larissa, 31 August st., Yeni Mosque  
Elassona, Varosi, Mosque  
Tempi, Hasan Baba Tekke  
Asprogeia, Farsala, Durpali Sultan Tekke, Dervish Monastery  
Bajrakli Mosque, Larissa  
Trikala, Saint Constantin, Osman Shah (Koursoum) Mosque

#### **Macedonia**

Thessaloniki Hamza Bey Mosque  
Thessaloniki, Rotonda, minaret  
Thessaloniki, Yeni Mosque (Old Archaeological museum)  
Thessaloniki, Aladja Imaret Mosque  
Thessaloniki, Terpsithea square, Mausoleum Musa Baba  
Kavala, Ibrahim Pasha Mosque  
Kavala, Halil Bey Mosque and Medresse  
Kavala, Imaret

Serres, Ahmet Bey Mosque (Agia Sophia)  
Serres, Mustafa Bey Mosque  
Serres Zircirli Mosque  
Drama, Dikastirion square Mosque  
Drama, Mosque Agamemnonos and Armen st.  
Kato Nevrokopi, Exohi, Mosque  
Giannitsa, Mausoleum Gazi Evrenos  
Giannitsa, "Mescit" or Turbes Ahmet Bey  
Giannitsa, Iskender Bey Mosque  
Giannitsa, Ahmet Bey Mosque and baths  
Veria, Orta Mosque  
Veria, Medrese Mosque  
Edessa Yeni Mosque  
Edessa, Hünkar Mosque  
Kastoria, Medresse  
Katerini, Abdullah Pasha Tekke  
Kilkis, Mesia, Sts. Constantin and Eleni Church

### **Thrace**

Xanthi, Mustafa Pasha Mosque  
Xanthi, Selino, Kütüklü Baba Tekke  
Komotini, historical center, Yeni Mosque  
Komotini, Imaret  
Didymoteicho, Mehmet Çelebi Mosque  
Evros, Soufli, Rousa, Tekke

### **North-East Aegean**

Mytilene, Yeni Mosque  
Mytilene, Veli Pasha Medresse  
Mytilene, Tekke  
Chios, Metzite Mosque  
Chios, Kara Ali Cemetery  
Chios, Bajrakli Mosque

### **Dodecanese**

Rhodes, Medieval Town, Suleiman Mosque  
Rhodes, Medieval Town, Ibrahim Pasha Mosque  
Rhodes, Medieval Town, Reçep Pasha Mosque  
Rhodes, Medieval Town, Mustafa Mosque  
Rhodes, Medieval Town, Hamza Bey Mosque  
Rhodes, Medieval Town, Mehmet Agha Mosque  
Rhodes, Medieval Town, Sindrivan Mosque  
Rhodes, Medieval Town, Ali Hilmi Pasha Mosque  
Rhodes, Medieval Town, Imaret  
Rhodes, Murat Reis complex, cemetery, Mosque, tekke  
Kos, Gazi Hassan Pasha Mosque  
Kos, Defterdar Mosque  
Kastellorizo, Mosque

### **Crete**

Heraklion, Vezir Mosque

Heraklion, three men tekke  
Heraklion, tekke Mosque  
Chania, Venetian Castle, Küçük Hasan Mosque (Yiali)  
Chania, minaret of Hünkar Mosque  
Chania, Dervish Tekke  
Rethymno, Ibrahim Sultan Mosque  
Rethymno, Gazi Hussein Pasha Mosque  
Rethymno, Kara Mousha Pasha Mosque  
Rethymno, Veli Pasha Mosque complex (Tekke, Mosque, Medresse, poorhouse)  
Ierapetra, Mosque and fountain



## D. Other Religions

According to the data in the possession of the Directorate of Religious Administration, the existing legally authorized worship places of other religious communities are as follows: **Buddhists** (7 worship places), **Hindus** (3 worship places), **Baha'i** (6 worship places) and **Hellenic Ethnic Religion** (1).

For the year 2017, no incidents have been reported against sites of other religions.

### III. GEOGRAPHICAL DISPLAY AND STATISTICAL PRESENTATION BY RELIGION

#### A. Geographical display of incidents of 2017 by religious community

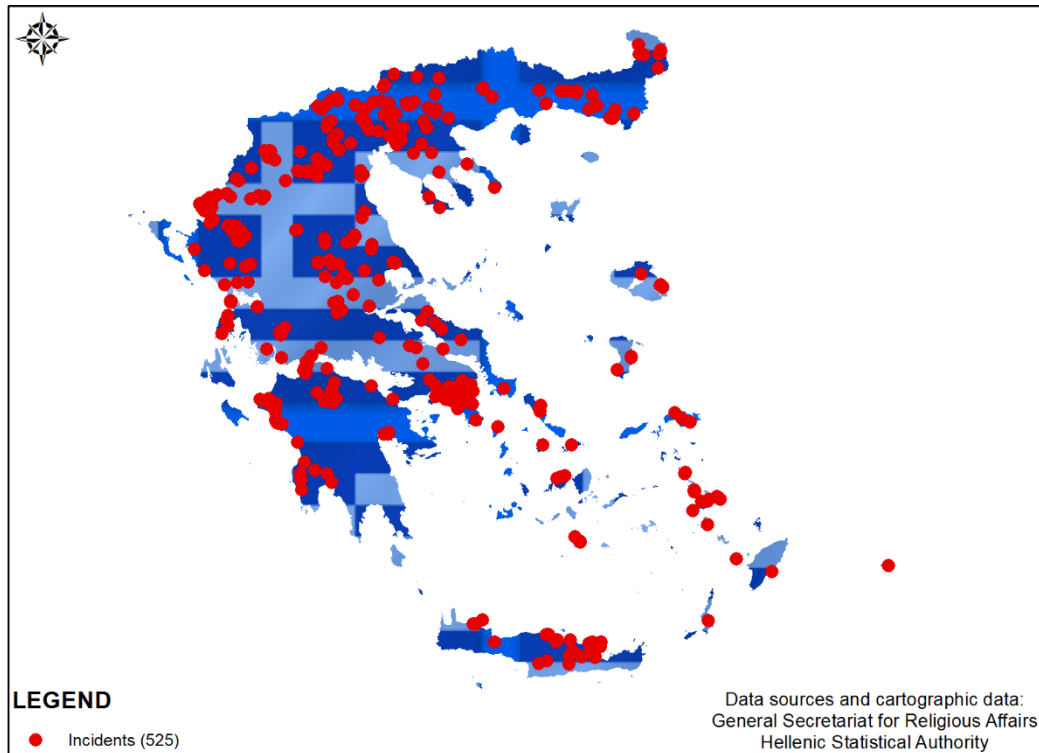


Figure 7: Orthodox Church

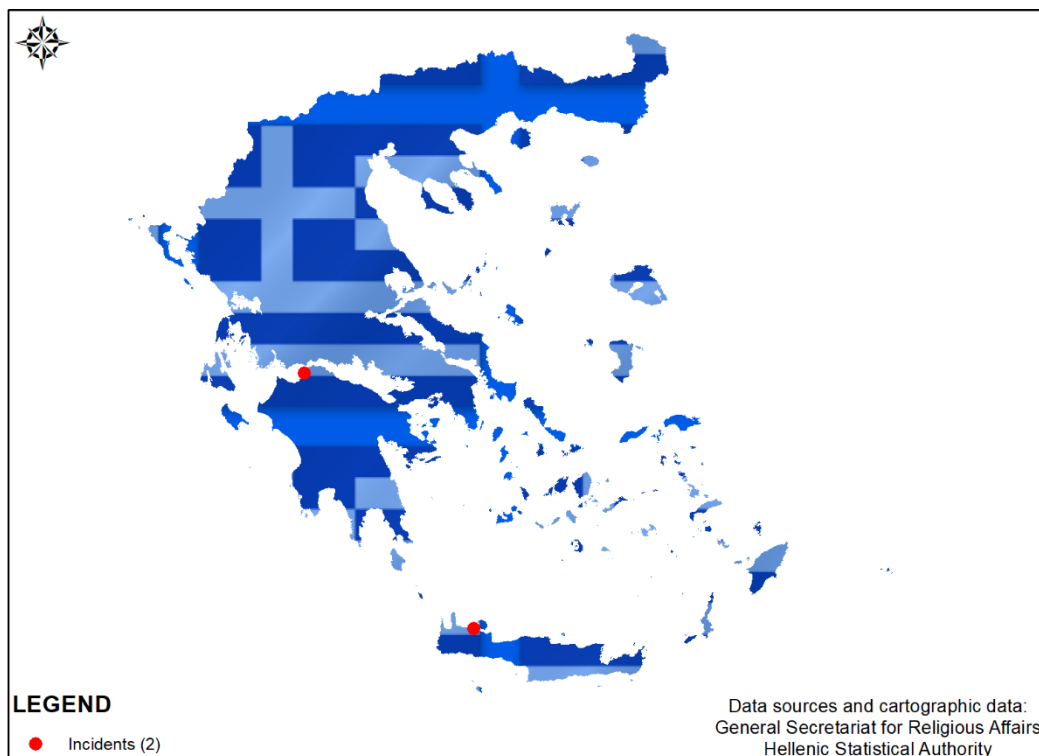
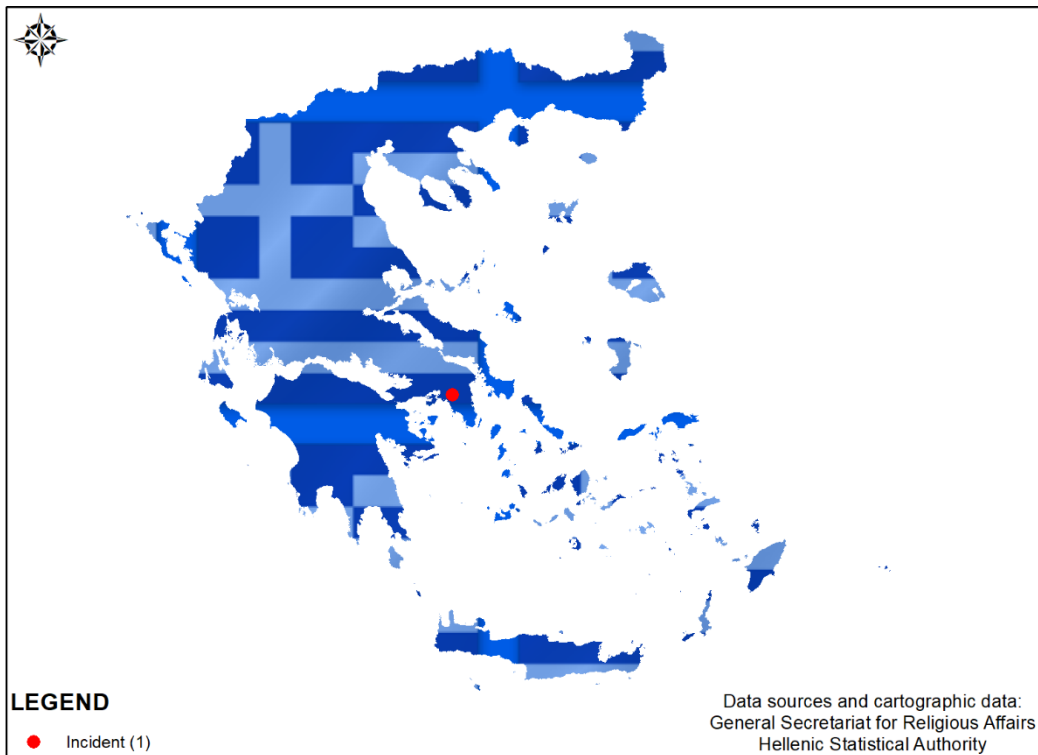
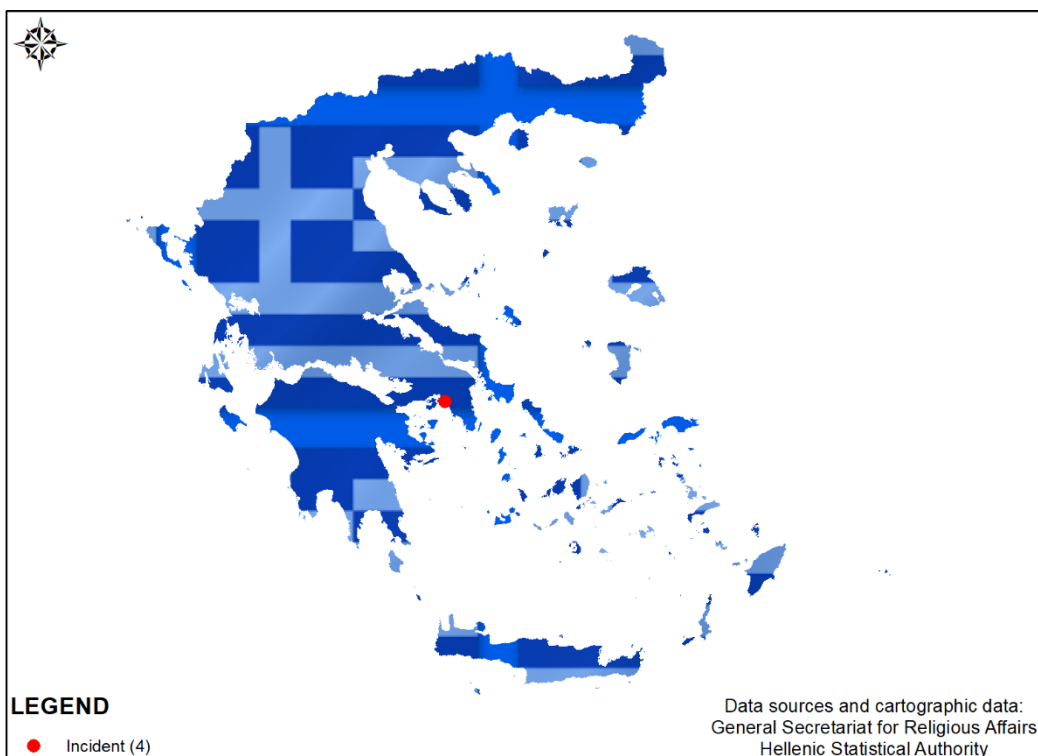


Figure 8: Catholic Church



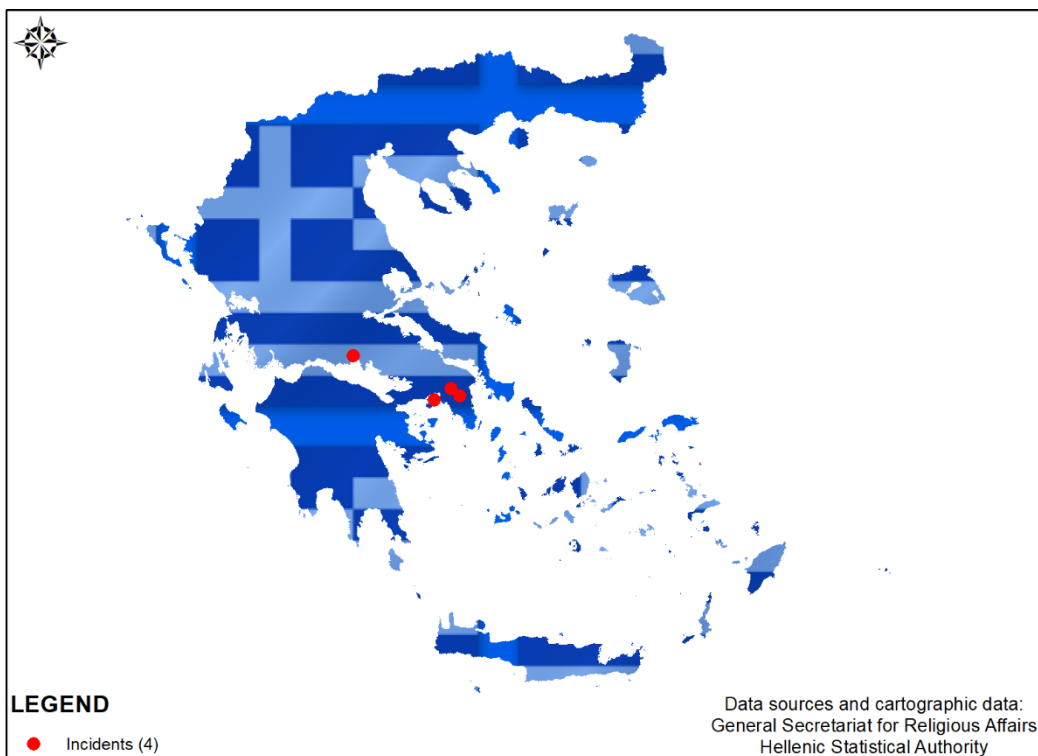
**Figure 9: Ethiopian Orthodox Church**



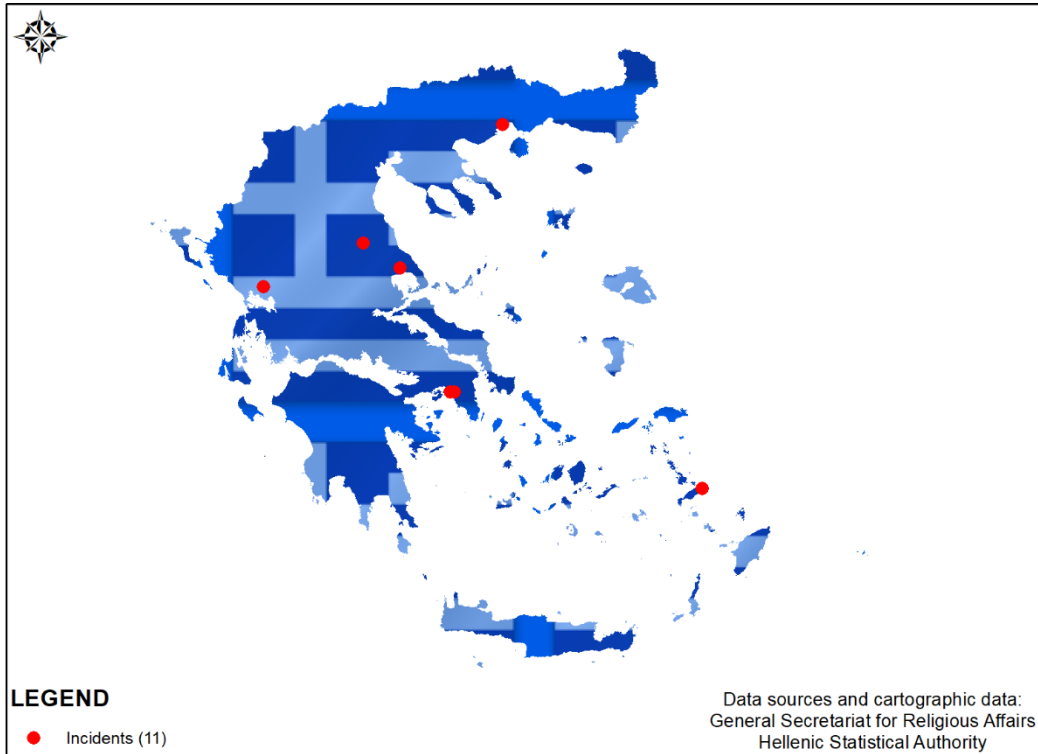
**Figure 10: Armenian Evangelical Church**



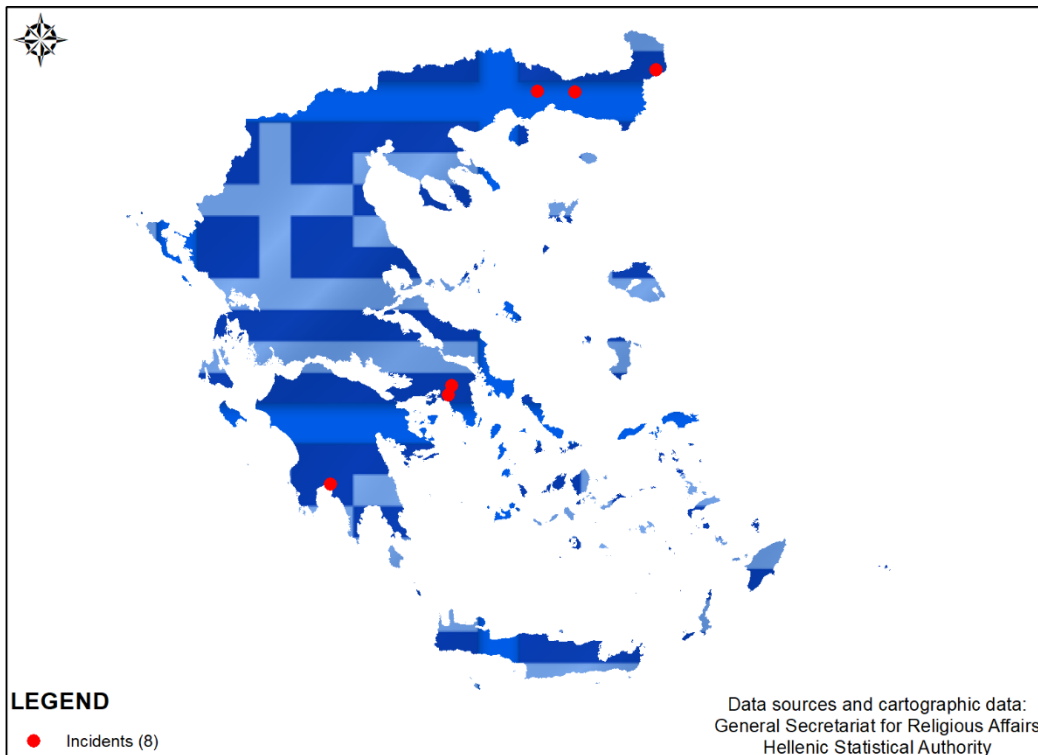
**Figure 11: True Orthodox Christians of Greece (Old Calendarists)**



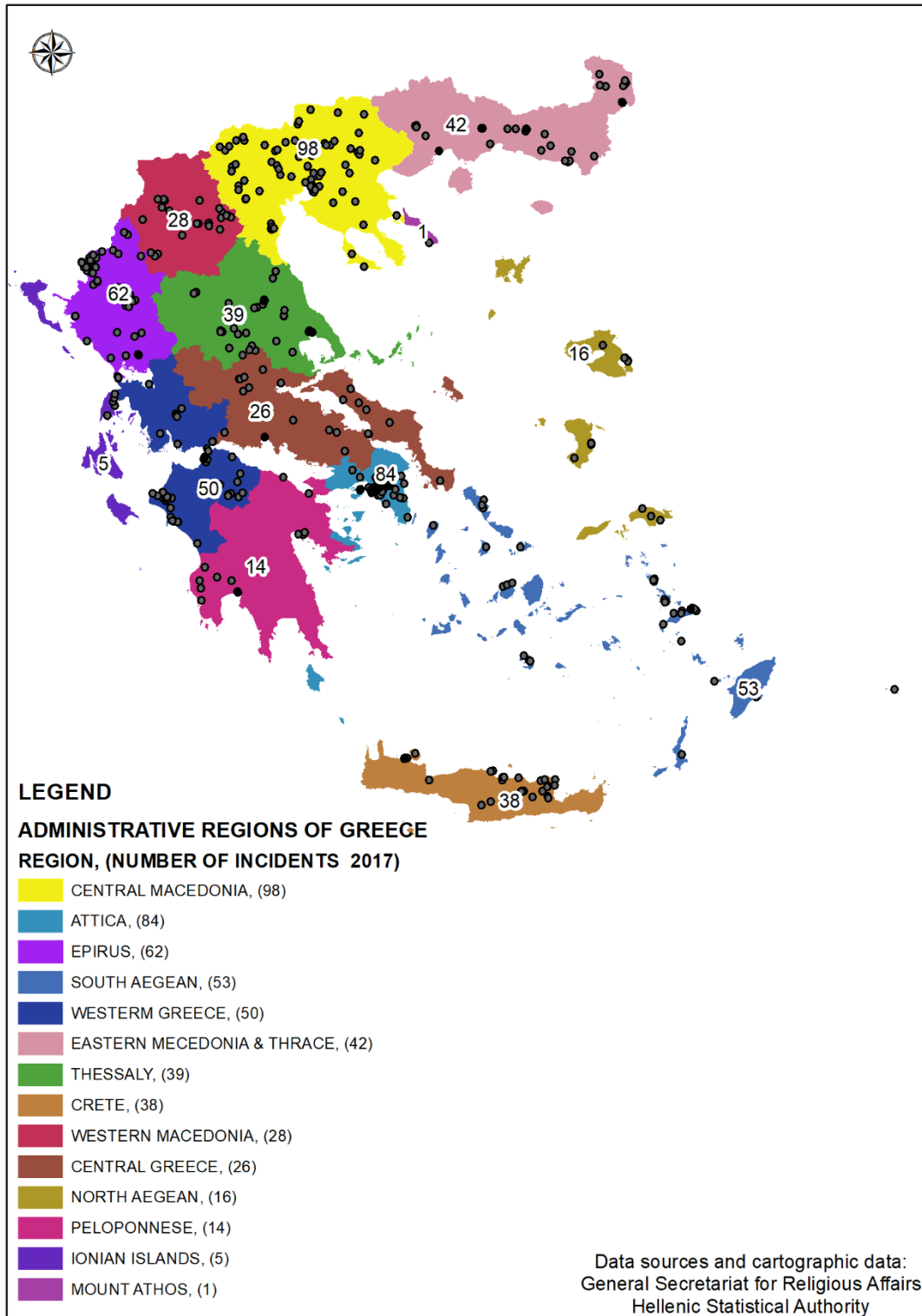
**Figure 12: Jehovah's Christian Witnesses**



**Figure 13: Judaism**



**Figure 14: Islam**



**Figure 15. Geographical display of the total number of incidents against all Religions by Region**

## B. Statistical presentation of the total number of incidents of the 2017 Report

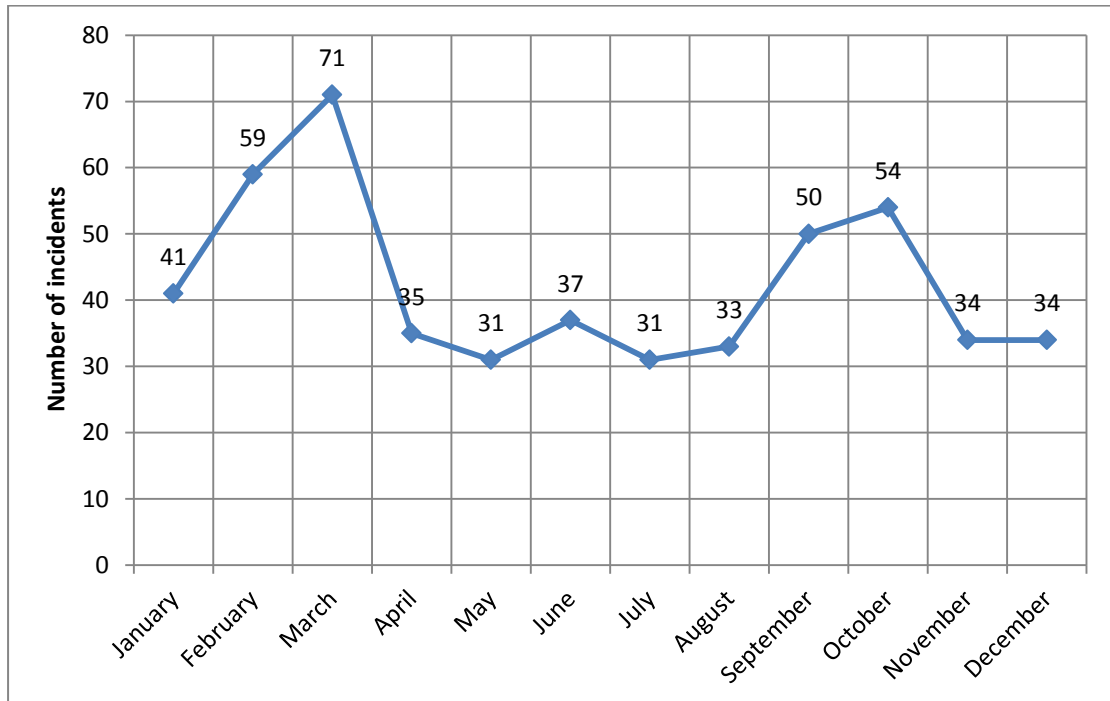


Figure 16: Total number of incidents against all Religions by month

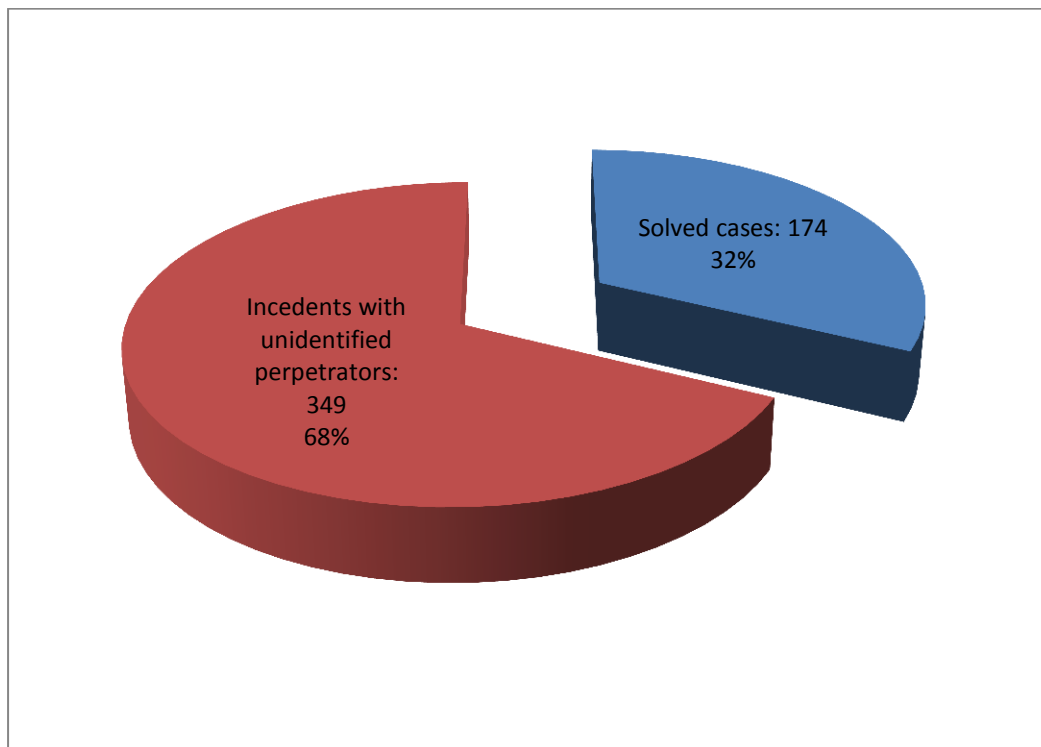


Figure 17: Solved and unsolved cases of incidents against all Religions

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